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Re: Avista Rate Case # AVU-E-19-04

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Avista's requested 5.3 million dollar rate increase (Avista Rate Case # AVU-F-19-04).

Anyone who has looked at the science on EMF radiation knows that smart meters emit constant, harmful EMF radiation and should never be placed on homes. Some people are particularly sensitive to this radiation, which causes a host of adverse effects, making their lives miserable.

We in Idaho are known for the high value we place on personal independence and freedom of choice. With the proposed Avista program there is no choice:

- Customers' only choice is Avista; there is no other utility company they can turn to.
- There is no opt-out program planned for Idaho like the one Avista offers its customers in Washington.
- There is no way of turning off the radiation, even if you turn off all breakers; it pulses 24/7.
- EMF radiation is harmful to everyone, but for those particularly susceptible to its adverse effects, forcibly installing a smart meter, thereby turning such a person's home from a safe refuge into a toxic environment, is simply unacceptable (it should be illegal).
- Finally, to then force Idahoans to actually pay for this privilege of being constantly exposed to harmful radiation, i.e., the rollout of the Avista program and its new data management system (collecting data on Idahoans without their permission), is beyond the pale.

I hope that personnel at the IPUC are educating themselves on this very important issue. For authoritative information, please review the Bio-initiative Report 2012 (updated 2017) - A Rationale for Biologically-based Public Exposure Standards for Electromagnetic Fields (ELF and RF) [bioinitiative.org](http://bioinitiative.org) and Physicians for Safe Technology – 5G Mobile Communications [mdsafetech.org](http://mdsafetech.org).

It is time on this planet to prioritize people's health and welfare over the profits of our corporations. I sincerely hope you will do just that.

Best regards,



Lynne Campbell