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Idaho Public Utilities-

I have sent responses previous years to the Commission. All of which were either not considered or ignored. I understand that Avista et al have again decided to increase their billing to cover their costs!

In these times that we now live, that seems to be the trend. Lets stick it to the customers because we have no other source of revenue to pay for our business costs.

Your proposed monthly increases in 2023/24 is almost as high as egg increases, 15.4% and 3.5% for gas totaling 18.9%! We all know you always seem to come in high and settle for a smaller percentage, fulfilling your goal by screwing the customer a little less!

As you must be aware of the economy in America today and especially here in North Idaho, we are heading towards collapse, a potential depression, and possible World War 3. All of which could happen during your increased time period of 2023/24. All you have to do is look and listen to see that I am not a conspiracy nut job saying this. The experts are all seeing what is happening with our poor leadership and what the Chinese are up to....it should be clear.

Having all that in mind why would you even consider increasing the burden of already high priced utilities on your customers. When you are paying your CEO's etc six figure salaries. To me it is very troubling what you are doing. I realize you are not the only energy utility to do

this. It seems the taxing districts and utilities are practicing the "EAT
CAKE OR DIE" scenario on their subjects!

So, before you vote for ANY increase, reduce the management staff of
corporate Avista by 50% and use that money to cover your costs!

Respectfully submitted,

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