From: PUCWeb Notification

To: Jan Noriyuki

**Subject:** Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb **Date:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:02:15 AM

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Paula Stewart

Submission Time: Mar 14 2023 7:44PM

Email: paula@stewart-global.com

Telephone: 303-990-1080

Address: 4409 N May Ella Loop

Post Falls, ID 83854

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "Avista is proposing a rate increase that is greater than our US government's stated inflation rate for goods and services of 6.0%. Avista's increase would be 15.4% in 2023 and an additional 4.7% in 2024. That makes 2024's rate increase 20.1% over today's rates. That high of an increase is not warranted. The cost to replace equipment needs to be spread out over a longer period of time. Why are electrical customers paying to improve a natural gas distribution pipeline? I thought most of our electricity is hydroelectric. Is this increase to pay for expensive, unreliable alternative energy? Also, Avista's annual income has been increasing. That money should be reinvested into their infrastructure to help reduce costs. I ask the commissioners to reject these increases and ask Avista reevaluate their needs. "

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## The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Carrie Chapin

Submission Time: Mar 15 2023 2:29PM Email: carriechapin87@gmail.com

Telephone: 208-416-1886

Address: 1280 E Deerhaven Ave

Dalton Gardens, ID 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "Avista Utilities has just increased our rates within the last three months. We are already struggling with living expenses increases across-the-board. Elderly are having to chose heat or food and our local working class is slowly being pushed out by the housing market. I could see if Avista improved the quality of the product that an increase would be justified, but the product is the same and we have already had a rate increase very recently. I also understand that there are more people requiring resources but we have been promised by leadership that we wont have to foot the bill for growth, that it would pay for itsself... well, let it pay for itsself. More people means more money. That should ve more than enough. Please, no more rate increases. Our money is tapped out and many of us are already robbing peter to pay paul. "

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**Subject:** Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb **Date:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:00:58 PM

The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Rita Anderson

Submission Time: Mar 15 2023 12:29PM

Email: 4littlebirds247@gmail.com

Telephone: 208-964-0171 Address: 1591 W Yaquina Dr

Post Falls, ID 83854

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "Please do NOT raise rates again! Especially since so many people are struggling with inflation at the current moment. May not seem like much to a big corporation but it is to the little guys "

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Name: Nicholas S

Submission Time: Mar 15 2023 12:42PM

Email: schaffnick@ymail.com Telephone: 208-518-9756 Address: 1508 w Dolan rd Rathdrum, ID 83858

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "Please do not raise our rates. Everyone is struggling to get by as it is"

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