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**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
**Subject:** Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb  
**Date:** Friday, March 24, 2023 7:01:00 AM

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Rick Bogar  
Submission Time: Mar 23 2023 6:29PM  
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Telephone: 208-660-3749  
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Coeur d Alene , ID 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "To whom it may concern, I am writing in regards to the Avista asking for a rate increase. Avista just raised my rates this fall that was a total surprise. This rate nearly doubled my monthly payment during the winter. I am on a fixed income and can't sustain an increase in my future bills. Avista needs to look within their agency to see where and how the can make cuts to better their budgets. Avista needs to start an investment fund that they can withdraw from to cover their future costs instead of passing on those costs to the public. I don't see any advancements in helping me deal with their increased costs. Myself and many others do not want this increase. Too many other economic factors have increased for everyone I.e gas, food and inflation over the past. Please take into consideration everything and everyone before you make any decisions. Sincerely Rick Bogar"

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TO: Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
 Post Office Box 83720  
 Boise, ID. 83720-0074

FROM: Kathleen A. Marcus *KAM*  
 970 West Orchard Avenue  
 Hayden, ID. 83835-9788  
 208-772-1837 or 208-659-1447

SUBJECT: Case Numbers AVU-E-23-01 and AVU-G-23-01

DATE 23 March 2023

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 UTILITIES COMMISSION

Avista Utilities has been the provider of electricity and natural gas for the entire time I've resided at my home in Hayden (it will be 32 years in August). Avista's services have always been reliable and reasonably priced. However, now that I am retired from a city planning career, my public employment retirement income is modest (my husband died in 2019 and his Social Security left with him). Covering the basics gets more difficult as the modest annual cost of living adjustment never comes close to covering the increasing costs of goods and services.

Avista's rates went up last fall, so it is concerning that they are seeking additional increases so quickly. I know it will cost a lot for a couple of months in the summer heat to keep the house below 78° during the day and 75° at night. I am more concerned with keeping the house warm during the rest of the year. I have had to make significant changes in the last few months in order to cope with the winter heating bill! The following chart shows my home's natural gas usage during the winter months for 2020-21 and 2021-22, the average cost during those two winter periods, the 2022-23 costs, and the percentage increases for 2022-23 from the average of the two prior winter cycles:

<u>Season</u>	<u>Nov. \$</u>	<u>Dec. \$</u>	<u>Jan. \$</u>	<u>Feb. \$</u>	<u>Mar. \$</u>
2020-21	73.76	115.04	121.82	132.36	119.34
2021-22	72.63	104.82	160.64	138.05	128.01
Average	73.30	109.93	141.23	135.20	123.68
2022-23	91.77	211.51	211.51	156.63	165.44
% Up	+25.4	+92.4	+49.8	+15.9	+33.8

To afford the increase natural gas costs, I lowered the thermostat settings three times, raised it back a bit once, and added a small electric heater near the thermostat to keep the furnace from coming on: from 71° day/69° night down to 69° day/67° night, from 69° day/67° night down to 67° day/65° night, from 67° day/65° night down to 65° day/63° night, back up to 67° day/65° night because lower settings were too cold. To handle 67° day/65° night, I am always in a long sleeve sweater or sweatshirt or fleece top plus a ski vest, jeans, heavy socks and shoes/boots. If it is really frigid outside, I leave my parka on all day indoors. Also, most window coverings are closed during the winter and also during the hottest summer periods.

My health has suffered this past winter and I need help from Avista to afford to keep moderately comfortable. I'm sure that many other seniors have similar affordability issues. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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Dear Sir

IDAHO PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

I am writing today in regard to Avista Utilities request to raise our monthly base fees to \$20.00 on both electric and gas fee each by November of next year.

My husband + I are both on social security and we only get raises in our checks once a year. This raise does not go very far in this economy. There are a lot of seniors in our town + we are all struggling with prices + they go up everytime we go to the grocery store or the gas station.

Forty dollars a month just seems like an awful

big increase in our rates  
along with whatever  
increase in rates come  
along too. We will soon  
have to decide if we  
want to eat or sit in  
the dark & be cold.

Thank you for your  
time.

Sincerely

Jois Warren  
117 E. Park Ave.  
Kellogg, Id.  
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**From:** PUCWeb Notification <[Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov](mailto:Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 2:00 PM  
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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Sandpoint, ID 83864

Name of Utility Company: AVISTA

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "I have just learned today, March 25, 2023 of AVISTA's application with the Idaho PUC to increase residential electric rates by 15.3% beginning 9/1/23 along with a basic monthly charge increase from 8% to 15 %. Then another 4.7% rate increase on 9/1/24 for an additional 4.7% with another base level increase from \$5 to \$20. I urge the you, the IPUC to either turn this down or dramatically scale back what AVISTA wants. During the current situation with already high inflation nationally, where I live in Sandpoint, rents and property taxes have and are increasing dramatically already having the effect of pricing most of those who either have to make a living here or are on a fixed incomes to make sometimes, drastic decisions to keep a roof over their heads and pay the other ever increasing costs with only small increases in our incomes. While repairs and upgrades are often necessary, raising the rates to this degree to compensate AVISTA investors is just too much to ask those of us already struggling. I am semi and hope by this fall to fully retire all the while my landlady is wanting to raise my rent by 30%. I have applied for, but have yet to receive any firm date on obtaining Housing rental assistance because of this. Also my average power bill for my 750 sq.ft apartment the last four months has been over \$150. This rate increase also starts just as the cold season is beginning this fall, increasing the bill even more. My new average monthly bill if this full amount is granted would be about: \$177+ and by next year: \$185+ a month. Please either refuse or greatly reduce the amount of any rate increases for residential customers. -Thank You"

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Hayden, ID 83835

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "We have lived in at this address 30 years. Our electric/gas utility bill raised horribly about two years ago...And now you want to raise another 20%? How unconscionable!!!! We are retired and inflation is eating up our reserves. We must move to more environmentally friendly, sustainable sources if that would help. Fossil fuels are not the answer. But to have another 20% on top of the huge bill now would take 25% of my social security monthly amount. Inconceivable!!! Unbelievable!!! Unreasonable!! PLEASE reconsider."

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Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "Hello I would like to comment on AVISTA's rate hike. We have been on AVISTA (Washington water power) since 1950 These are hard times for everyone, food costs, fuel, housing it's hard for



families to make ends meet. Our 1500 sq. ft. all electric house runs 1400 to 1500kw per month. Their 900 kw avg. must be with gas heat. To keep this short, and for your consideration this is my estimated increase. \$130/ mo. X. 20%. =. \$26 increase electric rate Base rate House \$7. - \$20=. \$13 inc. Base rate Pump. \$7. - \$20=. \$13 inc ———— \$52 monthly increase My current bill is \$130 + \$52 =. @ \$180 Why do they need a \$13 / meter ( base increase) and a 20% rate increase on electricity? Fed. Gov't and insurance companies have surely picked up the disaster responses. I can see a small increase, but \$50/ mo is a little steep. Thanks for your time Richard "

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