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Sirs;

I want to go on record that I strongly oppose the Avista Corporation's proposed price hike for 2023 and 2024 of nearly 20%! As a customer of Avista, I am deeply concerned about the financial burden this increase would impose on myself and many others in the community.

Avista has stated that this increase is necessary to cover the costs of infrastructure improvements and to maintain reliable service. However, a 20% increase is simply too much for customers (especially retired customers like me) to bear. Many of us Idahoans are already struggling to make ends meet, and this increase would only exacerbate those financial difficulties.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that Avista's proposed increase is significantly higher than the rate of inflation. I also researched and saw that Avista Net Profits were more in 2022 than the previous year.

A 20% increase over two years is unjustifiable, and I urge the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to reject this proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



**Allan Gathercoal
3847 N Player Dr.
Coeur D Alene ID 83815**

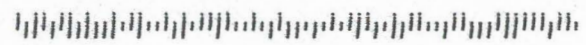
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From: PUCWeb Notification <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>

Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 10:00 AM

To: ConsumerComplaintsWeb

Subject: Notice: A complaint was submitted to PUCWeb

The following complaint was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Clark Guest

Submission Time: Apr 2 2023 9:03AM

Email: clarkdeb@att.net

Telephone: 208-449-2509

Address: 1808 N. Pansy St.

Coeur d Alene, ID 83814

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Contacted Utility: No

Comment: "Apparently they are requesting to rase their rates once again. I complained this past winter when I received \$500.00 gas/electric bills and was informed that they do not set their rates. Allowing then to continue to raise rates I is negligence as it will create debt and homelessness, especially for the elderly trying to stay in their homes. Please do not allow them to rase their traits any further. Thank You"

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From: PUCWeb Notification <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>

Sent: Sunday, April 2, 2023 4:00 PM

To: ConsumerComplaintsWeb

Subject: Notice: A complaint was submitted to PUCWeb

The following complaint was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Micahel Vesciano

Submission Time: Apr 2 2023 3:22PM

Email: mvesciano@protonmail.com

Telephone: 208-818-5799

Address: 2859 W Marceille Dr

Coeur d'alene, ID 83815

Name of Utility Company: avista

Contacted Utility: No

Comment: "In light of recent increases to our Avista utilities, reading at the prospect of yet another is disturbing, to say the least. We ask you to reconsider increasing F23 & F24 and look for ways to lower our utility prices. these increases are not sustainable. "

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From: PUCWeb Notification <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 7:00 AM
To: Jan Noriyuki
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Edward Marlowe
Submission Time: Apr 2 2023 6:46PM
Email: emmarlowe@yahoo.com
Telephone: 208-755-8726
Address: 1268 Pyroclast St.
Post Falls, ID 83854

Name of Utility Company: Avista Corp.

Case ID: ~~LLL-U-12-91~~ AVU-E/G-23-01

Comment: "I would like to voice my objection to the increases to our energy bill,(esp. natural gas),that Avista has made application for with the Idaho PUC, slated for Fall '2023 and '24. They just had an increase effective Fall '22!.. said to be 12%,more like 25%!!!! "

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From: PUCWeb Notification <Do.Not.Reply@puc.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 1:00 PM
To: ConsumerComplaintsWeb
Subject: Notice: A complaint was submitted to PUCWeb

The following complaint was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Weston McLaren
Submission Time: Apr 3 2023 12:04PM
Email: w.r.mclaren@gmail.com
Telephone: 805-338-4816
Address: 2576 n Lehigh ct
Post falls , ID 83954

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Contacted Utility: No

Comment: "This is a general concern for the application from "Avista" to the "Idaho Public Utility Commission" that poses to increase utility costs come fall 2023-2024. Increasing utility rates would be the icing on the cake to members of the local north Idaho communities. Inflation, increase property taxes and now a hike in utility prices. "Avista" is having no problem securing new customers to fulfill their quotas and pockets. The average home owner and tax payer on the other hand, who live up here in this portion or the state for similar reasons, are being placed between a rock and a hard place. Please review the application by "Avista" and remember the little guy before passing any price increases for basic

utilities. Thank you "

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