

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Randall Butt  
Submission Time: Jun 24 2023 9:00AM  
Email: [randallrb@juno.com](mailto:randallrb@juno.com)  
Telephone: 208-651-1855  
Address: 5351 N Cynthia St  
COEUR D ALENE, ID 83815

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "I am asking that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission while considering Avista's rate increase request, look at it as necessary or discretionary. The information put out by Avista to the public would indicate that it is not tied directly to the cost of electric service, but discretionary maintenance. As the IPUC will have more detailed information you will be able to see if such a strong series of increases is truly justified. While evaluating their proposal I would ask that you also consider if Avista is showing financial responsibility in identifying areas where they are cutting costs and increasing efficiency to reduce the need for such increases? In addition since these are identified as maintenance needs what would be the future rate decrease once the described maintenance work is completed? Is the intent of Avista to also pass along these increases to fund Executive Staff pay at the percentage as they are currently or would the full increase of the revenue be solely for the proposed maintenance? As Avista has recorded profitable earnings, will the revenue from these increases add to those profits or be fully used to address the maintenance described?"

I wish to thank the IPUC for their consideration and review of the proposed increase and it's impact on customers, as we are locked into their services and prices and do not have options as we do with other consumables."

-----