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Comment: "Avista's request for electric increases for electricity and meter charges are to large. The meter charge goes from \$7.00 to \$15.00 dollars for the first year then \$ 20.00 for the second year is way to large of an increase. They state it is for infrastructure updating and operating costs. I realize inflation has hit us all. Avista is better to withstand the costs than the normal working person. 100 % and 16 % increases are total robbery for any company. What cost saving measures is the Company taking to offset the increases? Is management and workers taking a reduction in pay to offset some of the increases. Avista is a monopoly in this area and is guaranteed a certain rate of return. The rate payer is stuck with the increase no matter what their income is. The elderly and low income suffer the most. With inflation out of control in every aspect of life, surviving in a cold winter or surviving on a hot summer day should not be predicated on how you have to pay in increased rates. Food and fuel are bad enough. Budgets are really life and death for some folks. Conservation efforts by the Public have been successful for the Company. Now you are making the Public pay for the success of energy conservation. All advertisements and comments are made using 1000 kilowatts. The bill breaks at 600 kilowatts. I would like to see the first tier increased from 600 kilowatts to 1000 kilowatts. I hope the IPUC does not rubber stamp this request and realize that this large increase is a ruse to get a lower but still high increase.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments."
