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Subject: Avista rate increases

Avista is calling for 7% increases in Idaho and 14% in Washington. The Idaho increase is due to a shortage of funds set aside for businesses to take advantage of energy saving improvements. So the businesses got free or cheaper upgrades to lower their energy use and bills and Avista wants to pass the cost onto consumers. That would be fine if I believed corporations would pass the savings from the upgrades onto consumers or employees but we all know trickle down economics has never actually worked. Avista had over \$200 million in earnings on 2025. Meanwhile, consumers are suffering from increased food and gas prices. Let Avista figure out how to charge the corporations for their own upgrades. Or, maybe Avista could not give their CEO a \$10 million dollar bonus on top of her already generous salary. Or, maybe Avista can just eat the cost because they are the ones who were put in charge of calculating the cost from this upgrade. Did they do the upgrades for the businesses? Did they charge only out of pocket for the upgrades or are they inflating the cost so they would be over budget and increase cost to consumers?

Sounds like Avista and corporations found another way to move money from the working class so their stock numbers look good and they can keep having bonuses for their higher ups.
