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Dear Sirs:

I am opposed to the proposed Avista rate increase because of the following reasons:

1) The ^(me) poor are in a serious depression; the middle class, a recession; and the upper class is clearing-up financially (not participating in hard times), re Avista's CEO salary. Warren Buffett agrees.

2) Weather in Mullan this winter = 400" + of snow. Skiers still skiing at Silver Mt. June 1. National weather reports are worsening so I expect even more snow this coming winter. Even with help from Comm. Action, I had to turn off my gas furnace 2 months earlier this year and resort to a small space heater because I didn't have the funds. ^(Furnace) It had been set at 59°. Of my 3 elderly friends, one died, one moved to Texas & the other to MT. Our SS \downarrow was only 2.3% this past yr.

3) In 2007 I could only afford 1/4 tank (13 gal.)

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of gas ^{per mo.} for the Ford Focus. I take another elderly lady to grocery store 1/2 mo. in Kellogg where food is cheaper. I feel like a prisoner in my rented house w/ price of gas increasing daily.

4) Instead of granting mgt. salary increases ^{& dividends} and repairing out-dated equipment the company should have had the foresight to go to clean energy such as wind power, 20 years ago. I cannot reward sloth.

5) Stress and frustration over no options causes health problems, anger, & eventually violence.

Thank you for Soliciting Comments,

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Under the Company's proposal residential customers with average usage of 977 kilowatt-hours per month would see their monthly bills increase from \$67.38 to \$78.08, an increase of \$10.70 per month or 15.9%.

The Company's application is a proposal, subject to public review and a Commission decision. A copy of the application is available for public review at the offices of both the Commission and the Company. The Commission has up to seven months to review the Company's rate increase request. The Commission will begin a comprehensive review of Avista's application and will seek public input on the Company's request.

If you would like to submit comments on this proposed increase, you can do so by going to the Commission website at www.puc.idaho.gov or mailing comments to:

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