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SUBJECT: AVISTA ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE PROPOSAL

AVISTA HAS FILED PAPERS WITH THE COMMISSION REQUESTING APPROVAL TO INCREASE ELECTRICAL RATES FOR IDAHO CUSTOMERS 15.9 %.

IT PROBABLY WON'T MATTER BUT I AM OPPOSED TO AVISTA BEING GRANTED THEIR REQUEST.

SHOULD THEIR REQUEST BE GRANTED, MY ELECTRICAL RATES WILL HAVE INCREASED ALMOST 43% JUST IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

I LIVE ON A FIXED INCOME, AS I AM RETIRED. I DO RECEIVE PERIODIC COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN LESS THAN 4% THE PAST FEW YEARS. I CERTAINLY HAVE NOT SEEN A 43% INCREASE IN MY MONTHLY RETIREMENT CHECK.

I KEEP MY FURNACE THERMOSTAT ON 65° IN THE WINTER, TRYING TO KEEP WARM BY WEARING A SWEATER. BEING CONSTANTLY COLD IS NOT HEALTHY FOR ANYONE, ESPECIALLY FOR OLDER PEOPLE LIKE ME.

AVISTA SENDS ME INFORMATION ON HOW TO CUT DOWN ON MY ELECTRIC USAGE, SUCH AS USING COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS, ETC. MANY PEOPLE FOLLOW THE SUGGESTIONS, AS I DO.

WHEN USAGE DROPS, WHAT DOES AVISTA DO BUT
SUBMITS RATE INCREASE REQUESTS. THEN THE PUC
ALMOST ALWAYS GRANTS THEIR REQUESTS.

WHILE CONSIDERING AVISTA'S PROPOSAL, PLEASE
KEEP IN MIND "US COMMON RETIRED PEOPLE."
WHERE CAN WE ^{FIND} 15.9% MORE MONTHLY TO GIVE TO
AVISTA? I SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW.

I AM OPPOSED TO AVISTA'S REQUEST TO RAISE THEIR
RATES.

PLEASE EXCUSE MY PRINTING THIS LETTER BUT I
DO NOT HAVE A COMPUTER OR TYPEWRITER.

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS COMMUNICATION,

SINCERELY,

James J. Bauman

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PO BOX 653

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Dear Sirs

The reason for a utilities Commission being in place is to oversee the companies that want to increase our gas and electric rates. Please be the commission that stops these whooping increases. We "little people" need some one on the side of restraint and moderation.

Those on fixed incomes cannot tolerate more increases to already strained budgets. We are going to experience more budget busting expenses than just gas & electric utilities' costs. Rising food costs, property tax increases, sewer usage rates increasing. Where does it stop?

Please design the rate increases.

Respectfully

Jennie Peterson

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John & Jo Strong
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July 14, 2008

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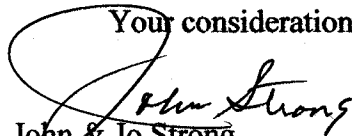
re: Avista proposed rate increase

Please do not approve the current Avista rate increase proposal. Gas increase of 6.5%
And electric increase of 15.9%

We, like many families are living on a Social Security/Retirement disability income, and
the raise we get annually does not keep up.

We are already living on a budget and must account for every dollar, and this increase
is going to be a hard pill to swallow. It is too much at once.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.


John & Jo Strong

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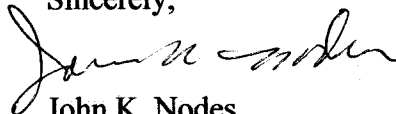
Dear Commissioners:

Kindly allow me to express my views regarding Avista's advance notice of exorbitant rate increases.

One glance at the newspapers or a trip to the gas station/grocery store reveals a startling fact that the economy is in a no-holds barred downslide. Everything, and I mean everything, reflects the shrinking dollar and unheard of fuel prices. As the population is becoming older, what is the answer for seniors and low-income families struggling to barely survive? The newspapers shout of Bonneville Power's excessive electric surplus power and that they are paying customers to buy electricity.

I urge you to evaluate Avista's request to increase customer's rates for a necessity now accepted that was originally touted by Avista's knowledgeable sales pitch, i.e. the urging by Avista to the public to purchase gas appliances for everything 10 years ago which has since become a nightmare run amuck. How many increases do they merit.....if any? It's about time the revenue-depleted ratepayer had a break. How about the CEO's taking pay cuts and the stockholders holding their own and your commission voting with a conscious?

Sincerely,



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Inez Anderson
3606 14th St.
Lewiston, ID. 83501

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Commission Members;

I am opposed to Another rate increase for Avista. They are making a profit now. Plus they are still paying the CEO millions.

Are you the group that has the intestinal fortitude to put a stop to these outrageous payments to CEO'S while fleecing the public.

No more rate increases for Avista until they tighten there budget, like the rest of us have to.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Inez Anderson

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Jean Jewell

From: stevepaint@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 5:00 PM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from steven painter follows:

Case Number: *AVU-E-08-01*
Name: steven painter
Address: 12295 grand ave.
City: orofino
State: idaho
Zip: 83544
Daytime Telephone: 208-476-5022
Contact E-Mail: stevepaint@verizon.net
Name of Utility Company: steven t. painter Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I think that Avista's outrageous rate increase proposal is way out of line for us retired folk. If you do grant a rate increase, let it be in line with the federal government's annual rate.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 68.238.142.124

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Jean Jewell

From: rm83815@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 8:23 AM
To: Tonya Clark; Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Reinold May follows:

Case Number: AVU-E-08-01 / AVU-G-08 01
Name: Reinold May
Address: 4401 Royal St.
City: Coeur d Alene
State: Idaho
Zip: 83815
Daytime Telephone: 208-765-5344
Contact E-Mail: rm83815@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Add to Mailing List:

Please describe your comment briefly:

Hi: I see where natural gas has taken a sharp turn downward and is the lowest since April of this year. Please take this into consideration when investigating Avista's request for a rate increase that is in the workings now. Typical corporation, not enough vision as to the economy or what the hell is really going on in the USA. Thanks. R. May

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
IP address is 70.110.47.38
