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To Whom It May Concern:

In considering the rate increase requested by Avista I believe it would be necessary to weigh out what is actually need & what is fluff. In this time of job loss, retirement funds gone, etc, I wonder do the company executives really need that large of a raise in pay, or a bonus? If the financial centers are spending so much on perks, vacations, paid seminars, planes and such, is Avista following suit.

Here in North Idaho many people have lost their employment and their future is very bleak. It is my opinion that if we are to tighten our belts, do without, then the big companies, Avista also need to do the same. I would ask that you keep in mind the difference of need and want. What is necessary and what is fluff or in simple words, stuff they could do without.

Thank you!

Annette J. Kemp.

PS: I am one of those who has lost their employment & any increase in living expenses would be a burden.

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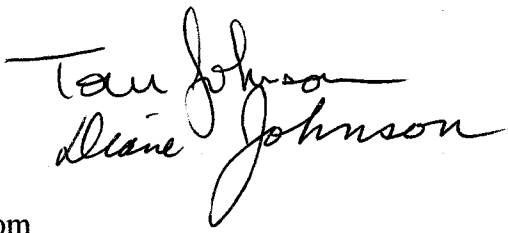
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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to protest the Avista Utility request for a 12.8% increase in electric rates in Idaho. Not one year seems to go by without this utility company asking for, and receiving rate increases that are usually way above the cost of living rate. This is a company that had record profits in 2008, and here they are again asking for more. We understand that their cost of business goes up each year, just like ours do. But to consistently ask for rate adjustments way above the cost of living year after year, and have them granted, is just unconscionable. All of us must live within a budget, especially in these tough economic times, and it is way past time for Avista to do the same. Please, for all of its customers who have no other option for this necessity of life today, no other choice from who to purchase electricity, deny, or greatly lower this annual request. This smells like Wall Street and the investment banks.

Thank you for any consideration you might give to our concerns.

Sincerely,  
Tom and Diane Johnson  
11393 N. Eastshore Drive  
Hayden, Idaho 83835  
(208) 772-684  
[tjohnson14@mindspring.com](mailto:tjohnson14@mindspring.com)



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Sirs -  
With your bill you are  
asking for comments on  
your proposed rate increase.  
May I suggest that you look  
intensely for waste of  
time & money.

Example: I have electricity  
to a small pump for personal  
lake water. The motor is  
turned off in the fall & not  
turned on again until Spring.  
Because there was no  
"activity" on this line, you  
sent a truck & person to  
investigate! This is for  
the base rate of under \$100  
a month. Could someone  
have looked at the history  
of this or called me on

opposed to sending someone  
9 miles round trip & using  
most of the day to investigate

Please - look to yourselves  
before asking for an increase  
My 2 outside meter numbers  
are 2500 77335 &  
2108 77335.

Please tell me what you  
think of this idea.

Mary Dickson

29967 N Terrace

Spirit Lake, Idaho

83869

208-304-0313

208 673-6040



## Important Notice for Idaho Electric Customers

January 2009

On January 23, 2009, Avista filed an application with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposing to increase Idaho electric rates by \$31.2 million or 12.8%. As part of the filing, the Company also proposed to decrease the current Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) surcharge by \$12.3 million, or 5.0%, for an overall net increase of 7.8%. The PCA is an annual rate adjustment that reflects the actual cost of generating electricity to meet customers' needs.

The proposed increase reflects increased operating costs, as well as increased capital investment in generation, transmission and distribution facilities necessary to provide electric service.

The proposed net increase above current rates by service schedule are as follows:

Residential Service.....	Schedule 1.....	8.73%
General Service.....	Schedule 11 & 12....	7.78%
Large General Service .....	Schedule 21 & 22....	7.79%
Extra Large General Service .....	Schedule 25.....	7.78%
Potlatch.....	Schedule 25P.....	5.67%
Pumping Service .....	Schedule 31 & 32....	7.77%
Street & Area Lights .....	Schedules 41-49.....	8.85%

Residential customers with average usage of 982 kilowatt-hours per month would see their monthly bills increase from \$78.47 to \$85.18, an increase of \$6.71 per month, or 8.6%. As part of the request, the Company is proposing that the basic monthly charge for residential service be increased from \$4.60 to \$5.00 per month.

The Company's application is a proposal, subject to public

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**Jean Jewell**

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 26, 2009 4:53 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Kaye Harney follows:

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Case Number:  
Name: Kaye Harney  
Address: 319 11th Street  
City: St. Maries  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83861  
Daytime Telephone: 208-245-2922  
Contact E-Mail:  
Name of Utility Company: Avista  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I'm writing to protest the rate increase that Avista has planned. People, myself included, cannot afford to pay increased rates for basic living expenses. We have a depressed economy all over our nation. Please do not allow Avista to make an increase until our economy has rebounded. Thank You

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>  
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**From:** jswassmuth@msn.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2009 2:46 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Jerry Wassmuth follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-09-01/AVU-G-09-01  
Name: Jerry Wassmuth  
Address: 1510 Alder Ave.  
City: Lewiston  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83501  
Daytime Telephone: (208) 743-0722  
Contact E-Mail: jswassmuth@msn.com  
Name of Utility Company: AVISTA  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

Last year AVISTA raised electricity rates by about 15%, this year they want an additional 8.73% increase. In that same period my retirement income has gone up 1%. There are a lot of people that have had their income frozen or many people have had their income reduced or even lost their jobs because of the terrible recession we are in. A 24% increase is just too much. Has AVISTA reduced their workforce or cut their salaries because of the recession?? WE NEED SOME RELIEF!!

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**From:** thedanielsfamily2005@tds.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 2:29 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Janice Daniels follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-09-01/AVU-B-09-01  
Name: Janice Daniels  
Address: 1218 middle potlatch creek rd.  
City: juliaetta  
State: idaho  
Zip: 83535  
Daytime Telephone: 2082764788  
Contact E-Mail: thedanielsfamily2005@tds.net Name of Utility Company: avista Add to Mailing List:  yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
Avista filed an application with idaho public utilities commission proposing to increase idaho electric rates by 31.2 million or 12.8% plus a decrease of the current power cost adjustment surcharge by 12.3 million or 5.0% for an over all increase of 7.8%. Concerning the recent economy, lack of jobs, and inflation, I believe even a 7.8% increase would be a detriment to society. My electric bill has increased dramatically along with everything else and I can not afford this increase. If this increase is passed it will leave me to resort to, candles, oil lamps, cooking on a camp fire and washing my clothes by hand, The furnace and/or air conditioner will have to be shut off. the only thing I will be able to afford to use electric for is my freezer and refrigerator. I'm having enough trouble trying to make ends meet with the current cost. Work has gone from fulltime to partime and finding a second job hasn't occurred as of yet. Were all struggling through desperate times and I am being forced to cut corners as much as possible, if the economy doesn't change around soon I will be left with no choice than to live as my ancestors lived without electricity. If anything we the people need a decrease in utilities cost not a increase.

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**From:** mlivengoods@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 2:07 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Michael follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-09-01 / AVU-G-09-01  
Name: Michael  
Address: 2008 Powers Drive  
City: Lewiston  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83501  
Daytime Telephone: 2087465218  
Contact E-Mail: [mlivengoods@aol.com](mailto:mlivengoods@aol.com)  
Name of Utility Company:  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

I WANT THIS COMMISSION TO KNOW THAT I AM TOTALLY AGAINST ANY FURTHER AVISTA INCREASES IN GAS OR ELECTRIC RATES. THEY HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN GRANTED QUESTIONABLE INCREASES ONLY TO HURT THE BOTTOM LINE OF EVERY IDAHO TAXPAYER. THIS LAST INSULT, WHICH STATES THAT IF I ONLY USE 982 KILOWATT-HOURS, MY BILL WOULD INCREASE \$6.71 A MONTH. THIS IS APPARENTLY A HOME OF APPRX.1200 SQUARE FEET OR LESS. MY FATHER AND MOTHER BOTH HAVE SMALL HOMES AND THEY BOTH USE WELL ABOVE THE SO CALLED 982 KILLOWATT-HOURS.

MY HOME ELECTRICITY BILLS HAVE DOUBLED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS BECAUSE OF AVISTA INCREASES. I USE A BLAZE KING WOOD STOVE FOR HEAT, SO I DO KNOW HOW HARD THESE RATES ARE CHEATING ALL OF US. AVISTAS RATES PER KILLOWATT-HOUR ARE STARTING TO RIVAL CLEARWATER POWERS OUTRAGEOUS ELECTRICAL RATES.

MAYBE YOU CAN LEARN THIS NEW WORD ----NO-----WHICH DOES NOT SEEM TO BE PART OF YOUR VOCABULARY. SPARE ME THE EXCUSES - WE'VE HEARD EM' ALL.

M.J.LIVENGOOD

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**Jean Jewell**

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**From:** g\_aleck@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 01, 2009 8:11 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Gregg Aleck follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-09-01, AVU-G-09-01  
Name: Gregg Aleck  
Address: Box 346  
City: Bonners Ferry  
State: ID  
Zip: 83805  
Daytime Telephone: 208 267 7329  
Contact E-Mail: [g\\_aleck@yahoo.com](mailto:g_aleck@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Avista  
Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

You do realize that this, if approved, will not stop Avista's never ending thirst for more rate increases. All this is is a backdoor attempt to make more money off the cash strapped rate payers. Enough is enough... should all of us cry poverty and not pay our full bills, hoping that Avista will make up the difference. They can lower their rates if delinquent payments have forced them into this situation.

Here's a news item from AP: "Idaho's public utilities are a step closer to being allowed to set up programs to help poor, cash-strapped customers pay their power and gas bills with help from other ratepayers. The Senate State Affairs Committee voted 7-2 Wednesday for the measure being pushed by Avista Inc., which serves customers in northern Idaho. Neil Colwell said such a program, if approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, would likely add surcharges totaling just pennies a month to customers' bills. That could prevent pricey service disconnections and other problems that regulated utilities later seek to recover during public hearings where they negotiate their rates. Colwell said such "uncollectibles" can wind up costing more later. The utility has a similar \$3.5 million program in neighboring Washington and Oregon. The PUC supports the plan."

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**From:** idahoroywatson@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 28, 2009 9:03 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Roy Watson follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-09-01 and AVU-E-09-011  
Name: Roy Watson  
Address: 6065 W. Sturgeon Rd  
City: Rathdrum  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83858  
Daytime Telephone: 208-699-3169  
Contact E-Mail: idahoroywatson@yahoo.com Name of Utility Company: AVISTA Add to Mailing List:  
no

Please describe your comment briefly:

I find this increase in operating expenses to be extremely excessive. Small rate increases are absorbable but this following their recent increase is to high. No other real business in this economic down turn could do this to the public if they didn't have a captured market such as a utility that has no competition. With recent declines in oil and natural gas prices a reduction or a decrease should be in order. With AVISTA'S recent yearly profit report it should stand to reason.

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**From:** austins\_in\_alaska@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2009 1:32 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness; Ed Howell  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Stephen Austin follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-09-01/AVU-G-09-01  
Name: Stephen Austin  
Address: 4664 West Delaware St.  
City: Spirit Lake  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83869  
Daytime Telephone: 208-661-2183  
Contact E-Mail: austins\_in\_alaska@hotmail.com Name of Utility Company: Avista Add to Mailing List: yes

Please describe your comment briefly:

To the Regulatory committee. Avista has raised our rate repeatedly in an economy that is down. They raised the KW rate in NOV, DEC, JAN, and are now requesting to raise them again. Please do not allow them to raise the rates now or any time in the future. Avista just had a record profit for their last quarter, and are doing fine with the rates they currently have. As consumers, we cannot afford to be burdened by higher rate now or anytime soon. Please put a stop to these rate increases. Thank you very much, Stephen Austin

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