

## Jean Jewell

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**From:** Jean Jewell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2012 9:57 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell  
**Subject:** FW: utility raises

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**From:** Jim Baumgartner [mailto:jimi2sox@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2012 3:45 PM  
**To:** Gene Fadness; Randy Lobb; Beverly Barker  
**Subject:** utility raises

Today I received my utility bill, gas and electric, from Avista. They incerted a flyer stating that they would once again request a raise in their prices. Didn't they just receive a raise? I know that they did because I contacted you about it the last time. The nation is in a pickle and they want more money. I receive SSI and am on a fixed income and cannot work at all or I will be penalized by the Social Security system, therefore a raise in utilities will greatly impoverish more so than the last raise that you granted Avista. This must stop, and you are the people to stop it. Where I live the electricity comes from the Post Falls Dam and should cost them any more than it was the last time they asked for a hike. Gas may have gone up but I don't care. They make millions a year and we poor folk pay for it. I am tired of paying for new construction. I hate seeing all the new houses in my area, once rual now suburban. You have the chance to stop the big corporations from gouging the people that pay your salaries, it is imparative that you do so. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely:

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Jim Baumgartner