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To Whom It May Concern:

According to AVISTA Utilities, they are demanding a two-tiered rate increase that would effectively raise electric power rates by 13.6 % by early 2017. Their rationale seems to be the same refrain used in the past years; Capital Investment to upgrade aging infrastructure. How long does it take to do this?

This in an environment where their customers might, I repeat, "Might" get a 3% pay raise if lucky. This year, no one is lucky where I work. No one will be getting ANY raise this year.

Corporate compensation I believe needs to be looked at to ease this frankly unwarranted increase. I reside in a 2 bedroom, 750 sq. foot apartment. Two months last winter my monthly power bill was \$130. This in an place where laundry is done separately, paying \$3 for a load to wash and dry. I am also single and my power consumption is minimal. If this increase goes into affect my bills would be \$146+ a month crippling increase.

But this is just the tip of the iceberg. The most egregious proposal is the the "Fixed Cost Adjustment Mechanism," (FCA).

As I understand capitalism and the principal of: "Pay for what you get," this program would ensure a steady stream of money to the company, no matter what. In other words, you may be charged if you don't use enough power. I wish I could get that deal at the place I work.

The company itself uses the phrase: "...break the link between Avista's revenues and consumer usage." The last several years with their encouragement to consumers of using less power and now we're double crossed! They want to have their money/cake and eat it too!

It appears to be an attempt to shift financial risk from the company and shareholders solely onto the consumer.

On behalf of myself and most likely the majority of AVISTA customers, please trim way back on their proposed rate increase and say a flat: "NO!" to their "FCA" proposal.

Their programs to help customers are no more than window

dressing. Comfort level billing means a steadier stream of income, assistance program depends on other customers donating money, NOT the company to help others pay their bills and the energy efficiency programs are meaningless as exhibited by the FCA proposal.

Please don't rubber-stamp AVISTA's requests.

Sincerely:

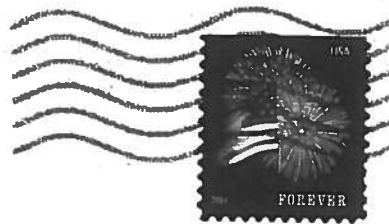


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