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Diane Holt

From: Diane Holt
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Diane Holt
Subject: Consumer Assistance Form: Rick Blankenship, 208-661-3447, Avista, Worley

-----Original Message-----

From: SunUpBay7@gmail.com [mailto:SunUpBay7@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Front <front@puc.idaho.gov>; Beverly Barker <Beverly.Barker@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Consumer Assistance Form: Rick Blankenship

Name: Rick Blankenship
Email: SunUpBay7@gmail.com
Telephone: 208-661-3447
Address: 20602 S West Point Rd
Worley Idaho, 83876

Name of Utility Company: Avista/Kootenai El.
Contacted Utility: No

Complaint: Avista Rate Increase.

I strongly oppose any rate increase above the government specified inflation rate as used to calculate social security. Our electrical rates are already a very serious burden on the majority of the citizens of North Idaho. With natural gas prices at historical lows and electrical generation costs running low for Avista, there is no need for any rate increase after the previous increases, especially in view of the potential sale to the Canadian company. If Avista is looking to improve margins have them look at their legacy and current pension, salary and healthcare programs. Very few of us have these lavish benefits and yet we are forced to support them through their mandated rates. We need more alternatives for power delivery in this area and need to open it up for competition.

Sincerely,

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission

I'm writing you this to comment on Avista utilities rate hike that they are proposing. Why is it that a company like avista needs to make millions in profit? off of utilities the people need to live? I think it's sad when I hear they made millions in profit last year. If I had a choice of provider there are cheaper out there that are co-ops and don't profit off utilities but we are stuck with avista.

Please do not allow this price hike. It is not needed. We pay enough for utilities as it is with Avista.

Thankyou for your time

Mark DeGroot

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