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**To:** [Jan Noriyuki](#)  
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The following comments were submitted via PUCWeb:

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Coeur D Alene, ID 83815-6030

Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "I'm a 70-year-old retired man, living in Coeur d'Alene. I understand that Avista is requesting to raise gas and electricity rates by 20% over the next two years. My electricity rate just went up 7.7% a month or so ago, yet like most people on a fixed income, I use less electricity than most others. I'm opposed to Avista being allowed to have higher fixed monthly costs, which disproportionately charge customers like myself more than others. Also, steep price increases that Avista is requesting are, in part, one of the well-established risks of an energy system reliant on volatile fossil fuel markets. Due to my inability to pay such steep fossil fuel-related price increases, I urge the Commission to continue to push Avista to transition as quickly as possible to safe, clean and renewable energy systems. "

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Name: Amy Flint  
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Sandpoint, ID 83864

Name of Utility Company: Amy Flint

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "I'm concerned about Avista's proposed rate increase for two reasons: 1. Higher fixed monthly costs disproportionately charge low and fixed income customers who generally use less electricity and gas. This is both unfair and unacceptable. 2. Steep price increases are, in part, one of the well established risks of an energy system reliant on volatile fossil fuel markets. Avista already claims to use 60% renewable energy. They need to increase that level to conserve energy and transition to a renewable-focused grid. This increase does not support that goal and places an undue burden on customers. "

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Name: Lexie de Fremery  
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Sandpoint, ID 83864

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "Please do not permit the fixed monthly fee to be increased. An increase in the fixed rate has its biggest impact on those who can least afford it. Thank you."

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Name: Jeff Masy  
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Athol, ID 83801

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "Please do not raise electric and gas rates for Idaho... this contributes to increasing expenses for underserved people for essential services "

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Name: LINDA LARSON  
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SANDPOINT, ID 83864

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "I am very concerned about the rate increases proposed by Avista. I am on a fixed income as are most of my neighbors and friends. When the increase is made by increasing the base rate, it disproportionately affects people like me. I use a small amount of power compared to someone with a large house who has a much bigger income than I do. I also want Avista to invest in power sources other than fossil fuels so that our power rates are not affected by their unpredictable supply. Renewable energy prices would be much more stable. Please do what you can to make a more progressive rate schedule and to increase renewable

energy."

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Name: Judith Butler  
Submission Time: Mar 6 2023 9:23PM  
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Hope , ID 83836

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: " Avista is proposing to increase my energy bill by 20% over the next two years. This steep price increase may be one of the well established risks of an energy system reliant on volatile fossil fuel markets. We must end our reliance on Fossil Fuels. Just because we are blessed with cheaper electricity production should not absolve Avista of investing in renewable energy like solar and wind energy which keep declining in price. Where is Avista's Commitment to a sustainable future?"

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Name: Judith Butler  
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Hope , ID 83836

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: " Avista is proposing to increase my energy bill by 20% over the next two years. This steep price increase may be one of the well established risks of an energy system reliant on volatile fossil fuel markets. We must end our reliance on Fossil Fuels. Just because we are blessed with cheaper electricity production should not absolve Avista of investing in renewable energy like solar and wind energy which keep declining in price. Where is Avista's Commitment to a sustainable future?"

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Name of Utility Company: Avista gas Northern Lights electric

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: " Higher fixed monthly costs disproportionately charge low and fixed income customers who generally use less electricity and gas. Steep price increases are, in part, one of the well established risks of an energy system reliant on volatile fossil fuel markets. "

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Name: Gabrielle Duebendorfer  
Submission Time: Mar 6 2023 11:46PM  
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Sandpoint, ID 83864

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "Your proposed fixed price increase will be a hardship for low and fixed income customers. The real reason for the need of steep rate increases is the reliance on volatile and unpredictable and increasingly unsustainable fossil fuels for energy. Please do consider switching to more stable, sustainable alternative energy sources instead of passing the costs of these outdated policies on to low and middle income families. "

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "Please do not consider Avista's request to raise their rates by up to 20%. As senior citizens we are in a fixed income e and already stressed financially with food costs. The rate increase would be a severe jolt to our budget. I understand their costs have gone up but ours have dramatically increased all aspects of living. Thank you for your consideration of this request."

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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Steven Sanchez  
Submission Time: Mar 7 2023 10:55AM  
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Hope, ID 83836

Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities

Case ID: AVU-E-32-01

Comment: "Greetings, I am writing today to urge the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to deny or greatly reduce the requested fixed price increases by Avista Utilities. Higher fixed monthly costs disproportionately charge low and fixed income customers who generally use less electricity and gas. Avista also needs to reduce its reliance on coal and natural gas-fired power plants because steep price increases are, in part, one of the well established risks of an energy system reliant on volatile fossil fuel markets. From Avista's own press release dated February 22, 2023: "Avista Corp. (NYSE: AVA) today reported net income of \$155.2 million, or \$2.12 per diluted share, for the year ended Dec. 31, 2022, compared to \$147.3 million, or \$2.10 per diluted share, for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021... "Our 2022 consolidated earnings were better than our expectations, due to significant increases in the fair value of certain non-regulated investments," said Avista President and CEO Dennis Vermillion." "We are confirming our 2023 consolidated earnings guidance with a range of \$2.27 to \$2.47 per diluted share," Vermillion added. (<https://investor.avistacorp.com/news-releases/news-release-details/avista-corp-reports-financial-results-fourth-quarter-and-9>) Avista has already provided guidance of even higher profits based on their applications to the WA and ID PUC's! Please do not allow Avista's profits to rise on the backs of low and fixed income families. Thank you for your consideration in this matter, Steve Sanchez Hope, ID "

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IDAHO PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

March 1, 2023

Idaho Public Utilities Commission

PO Box 83720

Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Case No. AVU-E-23-01

Dear Commission:

I am shocked at the requested rate hike for residential electric service and am seriously concerned how this rate hike will impact many areas of Idaho where people struggle daily to pay utilities throughout the Winter months and into Spring. Granted Avista does offer programs for its customers, but many are on the edge of qualifying for these programs.

In my opinion a fair increase at this time would be **half** of what they are asking for Residential – schedule 1 and limiting the Basic Monthly fee increase to \$11.00. In addition, the increase in the Street & Area Lights – Schedule 41-49, that cost will filter down to residents that live in some towns as it is added to the monthly bill for services provided.

For those on a fixed and stagnant income, the proposed increases can create more of a burden for many individuals to pay bills and put food on their tables. I hope the Commission considers the many factors of the proposed increases and comes to a fair and equitable resolution for all.

Sincerely,



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