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Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Jan Noriyuki <<u>jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov</u>>
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Sandra Lechtenberg Submission Time: Mar 19 2023 1:18PM Email: <u>Readersandy1@yahoo.com</u> Telephone: 208-659-8637 Address: 819 Nylarol St Moscow, ID 83843

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "People are struggling. With food, gas and rent going up I can not believe Avista is requesting a 14.7 % boost followed by 4.5% a year later for electricity. Wages are not going up. Everyone says well you have to make do but this isn't possible. When rent, utilities, gas and food is all your budget can afford and eventually we will have more homeless families. This increase is way to much to ask for at this time. We are struggling to make ends meet find a lower solution please. "

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To: Jan Noriyuki <<u>jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov</u>>
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The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

Name: Mercedes Turner Submission Time: Mar 20 2023 12:46PM Email: <u>shastanative@gmail.com</u> Telephone: 208-816-8612 Address: 1722 Powers Ave Lewiston, ID 83501

Name of Utility Company: Avista

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "I am very concerned about the proposed Avista rate hike. The increase will be substantial for Idaho residents in their service territory. My concern is not just for my own household but for family

across Northern Idaho. We are living in an economically changeling time and are suffering so many increases from every aspect of life. My property tax went up \$2,500 this year, gas is too high, groceries are crazy expensive, just to name a few. Please don't pass this!! I have read the notice of intent filed by Avista. If I am understanding the document correctly. It looks like Avista is asking for a 22% increase over the next two years. That is an astoundingly large amount!! I am unclear as to how this aggressive increase is necessary for an established utility company. I could understand a rate much lower increase for Avista but 22% just sounds greedy. This seams so unreasonable for an area that does not offer consumers an option to rate compare with other companies. Finally, how does Avista rate increases in Idaho compare to rate increases in Spokane WA? Are you aware of any meeting for the rate payers to voice their concerns? Thank you kindly for your time and attention. Respectfully Mercedes Turner "

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