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Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 5:00 PM
To: Jan Noriyuki <jan.noriyuki@puc.idaho.gov>
Subject: Notice: A comment was submitted to PUCWeb

The following comment was submitted via PUCWeb:

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Name of Utility Company: AVISTA

Case ID: AVU-E-23-01

Comment: "Response to your brochure "Important Notice" (Feb 2023): Hello, I am the age of 69 on a 'fixed' income. I have been VERY conservative with Electricity and Natural Gas. However, the "volumetric, per-kWh rate reduction," starting Sept 1, 2023 and Sept 1, 2024, WILL NOT compensate me for the usurious "Basic Monthly Charge" increases that you propose. 1) In 2022, my average monthly Electric is \$26.35 per month, and a basic charge of \$7 per month. This is a monthly average cost of (318 kWh) or \$33.35 per month for Electricity. a. On Sept 1, 2023 you intend to raise the "Basic Monthly Charge" to \$15 per month which would raise my monthly bill to (\$41.35/\$33.35) or 24% increase cost per month. 2) In 2022, my average monthly Gas bill is \$30.80 per month, and a basic charge of \$7 per month. This is a monthly average cost of (37.9 Therms) or \$37.80 per month for Natural Gas. a. On Sept 1, 2023, you intend to raise the "Basic Monthly Charge" to \$15 per month which would raise my monthly bill to (\$45.80/\$37.80) or 21% increase cost per month. Also, your Notice proposes, September 1, 2024, even higher increases of the Basic Monthly Charge to \$20 per month, for Gas and/or Electric. SUMMARY: For those of us who have learned to conserve energy, I propose you eliminate the "Basic Monthly Charge" for customers using less than 600 kWh per month and/or less than 64 therms per month. Sincerely, Ross A. Gibson "

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