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Thank you for the Notice of Technical Hearing, Order # 31083 I recently received. The hearings that are in Boise will be impossible for me to attend. I hope you will enter into testimony the letter I sent in April 2010 concerning the AVISTA application seeking authority to increase the general electric rates by 14% as an "Un-warranted" burden on the rate payers of Idaho, not only in these difficult economic times, but anytime as the rate increases are actually intended to compensate share holders of AVISTA stock with little regard for the average person struggling today.

Sincerely:



Lawrence Fury

Mr. Lawrence Fury  
1107 Church St., Apt. 1  
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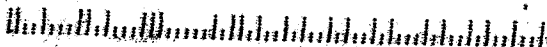
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**From:** ilex\_kearns@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 15, 2010 4:09 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Holly Kearns follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-10-01/AVU-G-10-01  
Name: Holly Kearns  
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City: Post Falls  
State: ID  
Zip: 83854  
Daytime Telephone: 208-765-7493  
Contact E-Mail: [ilex\\_kearns@yahoo.com](mailto:ilex_kearns@yahoo.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Avista Utilities Add to Mailing List:  yes

Please describe your comment briefly:  
This comment pertains to Avista's proposed 14.5% electric rate increase for residential customers. Avista's residential electricity rates have gone up 30% in the past four years (Nov. 2005 - Nov. 2009). During the same period, though they cite the increasing costs of providing electricity, Avista has posted record profits. Profits are what you have left after deducting whatever increasing costs there may be. Therefore, it seems ludicrous that Avista should further increase their profit margin, while making it difficult, if not impossible, for their customers to heat and light their homes. Please assist Idaho electric customers by denying Avista's proposed rate increase.

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**From:** idahoroywatson@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 17, 2010 11:09 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Roy Watson follows:

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Case Number: AVU-E-10-01, AVU-G-10-01

Name: Roy Watson

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City: Rathdrum

State: Idaho

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Daytime Telephone: 208-699-3169

Contact E-Mail: idahoroywatson@yahoo.com Name of Utility Company: Avista Add to Mailing List:

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Please describe your comment briefly:

With the price of natural gas at the lowest level in years and electricity cost stable, I believe such an incredibly high rate increase in one step is a good example of a utility with bad management. I realize that they are based on a percentage of their operating cost but spending with little limits and control is not an excuse for rate increases of such a resource with no competition. I personally think a rate increase percentage maximum should be set to control over spending. After all, the REA utilities have a little advantage but seem to control cost much better than Avista. If it wasn't Avista it would be another large corporation trying the same thing. A rate ceiling might force them to get their house in order. Thank You.

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