

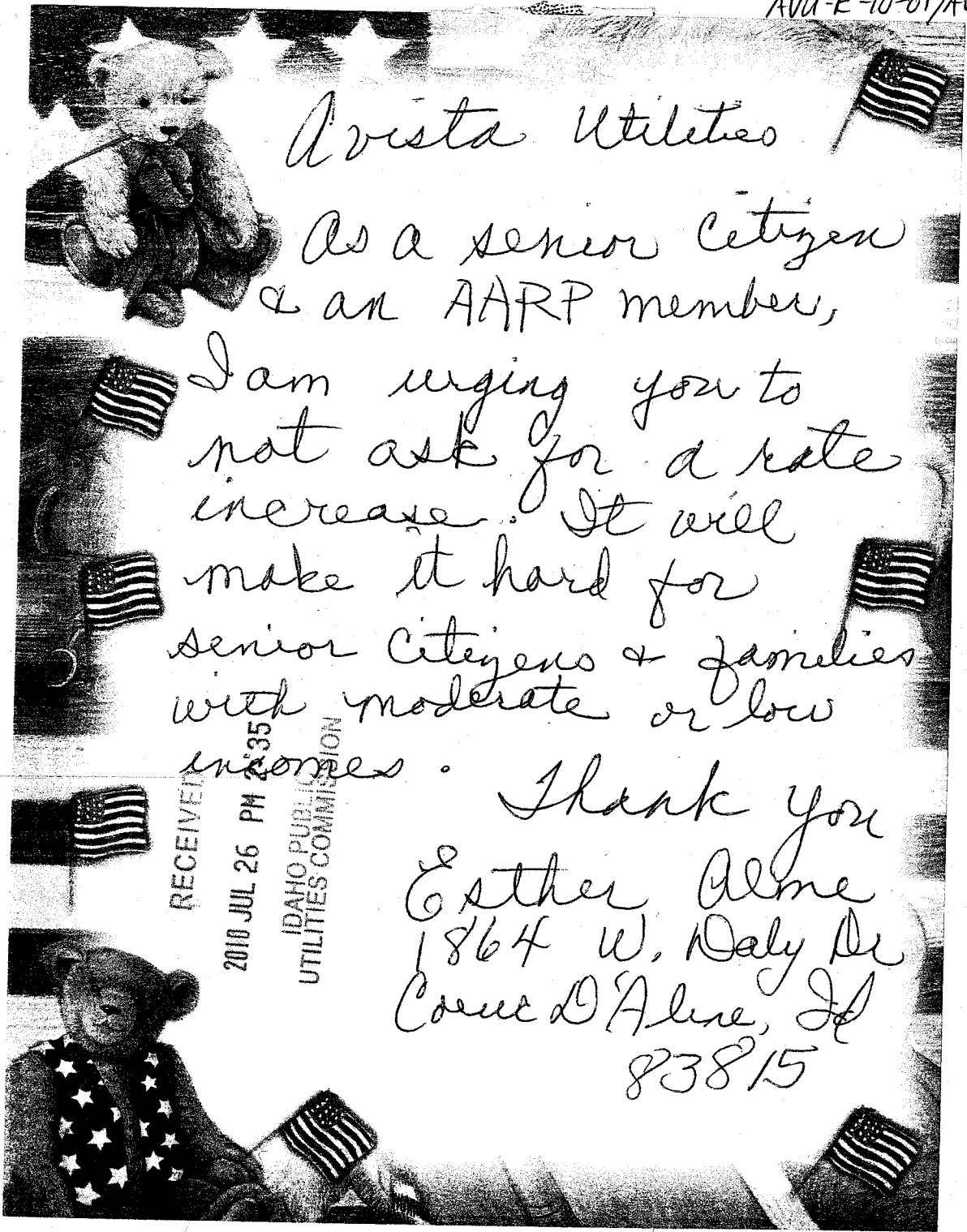
Avista Utilities

As a senior citizen  
& an AARP member,

I am urging you to  
not ask for a rate  
increase. It will  
make it hard for  
senior citizens & families  
with moderate or low  
incomes.

Thank you  
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## Jean Jewell

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**From:** Mjbickel@msn.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 25, 2010 1:39 PM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Myrlene Bickel follows:

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Case Number: *AVU-E-10-01 / AVU-G-10-01*  
Name: Myrlene Bickel  
Address: 7712 N. Heartland Dr. Unit 32  
City: Coeur d'Alene  
State: ID  
Zip: 83872  
Daytime Telephone: 208-762-7799  
Contact E-Mail: [Mjbickel@msn.com](mailto:Mjbickel@msn.com)  
Name of Utility Company: Avista  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I don't hold it against you giving your CEO's big raises, but when comes to hurting the small people, who haven't had a cost of living raise for 2 years. You are hurting us. And raising the price of electricity now is a bad time. We are still in a recession, maybe you haven't realized it yet. But I do. It seems all my money is gone before the end of the month and I do not get ahead.

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**From:** skullmaster2112@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 24, 2010 8:24 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Tim Satterlee follows:

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Case Number: *AVU-E-10-01 / AVU-G-10-01*  
Name: Tim Satterlee  
Address:  
City: Coeur d Alene  
State: Idaho  
Zip:  
Daytime Telephone:  
Contact E-Mail: [skullmaster2112@yahoo.com](mailto:skullmaster2112@yahoo.com) Name of Utility Company: Avista  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

Outrage! That's what went through my mind when I read of Avista's proposal to increase electricity rates by a whopping 14 percent.

Foreclosures are at an all-time high, Coeur d'Alene has hundreds of homes sitting vacant. Coeur d'Alene has issued a mere 104 residential and commercial building permits so far this year. That is the lowest number of permits in 20 years.

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When was the last time you saw an Interstate Concrete truck rumbling down Ramsey road? I miss them. When did you last see a logging truck traveling to the weigh station on old Highway 10? You didn't, because the lumber company is closed.

It is estimated that Kootenai County now has 1,200 homeless people. Coeur d'Alene alone has 150 people living in tents, and add to that, those people living in cars, and those with nothing to put over their heads. Those people don't have to worry about Avista shut off notices, because they have no lights to turn on. Many people who are in this situation used to have jobs, this is not about the many people that want to work.

Scott Morris, Avista CEO, had his compensation and other compensation increased by an incredible \$400,000 this year, to the sum of \$3 million per year. Mr. Morris, the CEO of a monopoly, thus earns approximately \$250,000 per month.

Avista senior vice president Mark Thies earns with his other compensation, a total of \$831,234 annually, an increase from \$366,646. Mr. Thies thus earns \$67,000 per month.

Corporate secretary (vp) Karen Feltes earns with her other compensation \$759,007, an increase from \$696,159. Karen thus earns a mere \$58,000 per month. How many of your friends earn \$58,000 for the entire year? I challenge Karen to make public, customer shut off statistics over the last couple of years.

Avista then has the nerve to tell us that some of its compensation doesn't come out of customer rates, but from shareholder dollars. Are we that stupid? Where do you think the shareholder dollars came from?

Avista has the luxury of having no other competition. If I were the only attorney in town, would it seem fair for me to increase my fees 14 percent in this economic climate?

This is the worst recession that I have seen in my lifetime. I have seen many of my hard-working friends, who have excellent skills, lose their jobs, lose their homes, or have their power turned off.

I ask the question, if I am earning \$250,000 per month as Mr. Morris does, and I propose a 14 percent rate increase in this recession, do I have empathy for the family that is living in their car or in a tent, or is trying to pay their power bill? Do I understand that it might be difficult for them to look prepared for a job interview, when they can't shower, haven't eaten, and have no address?

A 14 percent increase will only worsen the incredibly difficult situation that people in this state are experiencing.

As we face these difficult times, I am reminded of the bible passage: 'He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.' Proverbs 14:31. You Have Turned Them Down Before But They Still Raised Their Rates Twice in the last 1 1/2 years ( Letter From CDA PRESS 7/24/10

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**From:** punch@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 24, 2010 5:17 AM  
**To:** Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness  
**Subject:** PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Judy Blankenship follows:

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Case Number: *AVU-E-10-01/AVU-G-10-01*  
Name: Judy Blankenship  
Address: 3607 22nd St  
City: Lewiston  
State: Idaho  
Zip: 83501  
Daytime Telephone:  
Contact E-Mail: [punch@cableone.net](mailto:punch@cableone.net)  
Name of Utility Company: AVISTA  
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I understand that AVISTA wants to raise out electrical and gas rates. I truly believe that the top folks in that company should try living on a fixed income and see how they like it when rates get raised. What about the elderly that can barely afford what they are paying now. Do they freeze in the winter because they can't afford to turn up the heat. What about the one on oxygen who now can't use it because the rates have gone up. And what about us working folks that are just keeping our heads above water now. What do we do when the rates get raised. My hours at work have been cut secondary to the strained economy. Do I eat or stay warm/cool. HMMM!

I just think you should tell AVISTA that the time to raise rates is not now. I do know that the cost of electricity and gas is not cheap but with all the customers that AVISTA has they can get by for awhile longer and give the economy a chance to turn around. They should think about the older folks on a fixed income. They are someones parents/loved one. And those top executives at AVISTA they should maybe tighten their belts a bit .

Thank you for listening and please think about us before you allow rates to be raised.  
Judy

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