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Barb Barrows

From: rosaleasutton@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2010 5:43 AM
To: Jean Jewell; Beverly Barker; Gene Fadness
Subject: PUC Comment Form

A Comment from Rosalea D. Sutton follows:

Case Number: Avista filing Mar23,2010
Name: Rosalea D. Sutton
Address: 109 Parkline Court
City: Saint Maries
State: Id
Zip: 83861
Daytime Telephone:
Contact E-Mail: rosaleasutton@yahoo.com
Name of Utility Company: Avista
Acknowledge: acknowledge

Please describe your comment briefly:

I'm a senior citizen. We did not receive a cost of living increase this year and 14% increase for our utility for residential service is a little extreme, in my opinion. Avista does a great job and if we all got a 14% increase in benefits (my pension has stayed the same for 14 years, with benefit cuts) I would be for some increase as I realize, as a retired phone company employee, that the plant infrastructure needs to be taken care of, people, wages, etc. If everyone would pay their electric bill, it wouldn't be left up to the rest of us to make up the difference! They would probably have enough to cover what they need to do without an increase.

The form submitted on <http://www.puc.idaho.gov/forms/ipuc1/ipuc.html>
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August 24, 2010

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Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Dear Members of the Commission:

We could have told you Avista was going to ask for a rate increase again. We watched, drove by Avista employees, out in Bonner County, Sagle area, working the summer of 2009 putting in gas lines.

You should have seen all the area dug up where Avista was working. It was as if they wanted to hurry and get it done before all the people really realized how quickly the economy was falling. We couldn't believe Avista was doing this considering the economy and end up raising rates-like they are doing now. Of all times we do not need rate increase now. Oh yes, they will contend gas and electric power are completely separate.

When people hear "Avista Stadium", Avista donates this, Avista donates that, do they really think that for many this does not hit a nerve? Keep the rates lower and let the individual decide where to donate. How often in the media do we see Avista patted on the back?

Please we do not deserve a rate increase at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Bauer
Walter Bauer
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Steve Bell, atty.
1506 N. 7th
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re: Avista proposed 14% rate increase

I am enclosing two articles that I wrote following word that Avista initially proposed an outrageous initial 14% electricity increase. The response that I received via E mails has been incredible---the public is absolutely incensed by the arrogance of this company, and their refusal to have even a remote idea of what is happening in this economy.

Have you noticed this is the worst recession (its really depression) since the 1930's? Kootenai county alone has some 1200 homeless people. We have some 2,000 EMPTY homes in this county. (Avista charges \$200 to have your power turned on again, if your power gets shut off)

Could you please provide me with information about how many homes had their power shut off from Avista last year?

Also, please advise me, does Avista have a paid lobbyist or employee who makes their presentation to you, and if so, how much are they paid?

Further, does the public have a lobbyist or representative to represent their interests when these issues arise?

Kootenai County had a 24% drop in sales tax revenue last year, do you feel they can absorb a rate increase?

I propose an across the board reduction in compensation for Avista management and employees, Paying Mr. Morris \$250,000 per month, when he operates a business in a complete monopoly is unbelievable.

Please advise me if there will be any hearing on this proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

S F Bell
Steve Bell
208 704 7774