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A Comment from Fran Parody follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:

Avista's request for electric and gas rates comes at a time when many of us are struggling to make ends meet. We are budgeting more closely and cutting back on expenses. It also comes at a time when, when I first read about this increase request in my local paper, I also read in the same day's paper, TWO pages later, that Avista earned \$25.5 million in the second quarter of 2010. I guess 2010 will be a good year for Avista! I have seen similar statistics before, and Avista's answer was that their earnings profit was in a different segment of Avista...I don't remember exactly what their explanation was at the time, but perhaps some kind of an overlap might be appropriate here. It seems the government, large companies, CEO's, etc. are not subject to the same budgeting constraints as individuals are. Why are they exempt??

Avista states this increase is necessary, in part, due to new federal requirements. Here again, the government spends; the people suffer. We don't necessarily need NEW requirements -- why not just enforce what is already in effect.

Avista also states they need to 'provide \$40,000 to Community Action Partnership agencies for low-income outreach and education programs about energy conservation.' Are they really telling me, and do they really believe that by instructing someone to turn down the thermostat (which I'm positive they already know to do), that that's worth \$40,000? I hardly think so!!!

And then there are the five energy conservation workshops for senior citizens in Idaho. Well, let's see.....I am a 'senior citizen,' and I have certainly figured out over my lifetime how to turn down the heat, turn off the TV, turn off lights when I leave a room, weatherize my house, etc. These programs are absolutely ridiculous and absolutely unnecessary. But I guess we, the people, have no say in these matters, our comfort doesn't matter, our financial well-being doesn't matter, as long as these large, federally-regulated companies can continue to make huge profits....and therefore their employees probably have very warm, well-lit houses.

From the federal government on down, it's about time to cease all the self-serving greed and listen to and have compassion for the rest of us!

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