I am a resident of Spokane County and a customer within Avista's service territory. I am writing to express concern regarding the potential impacts that a large-scale data center project could have on electric rates, grid reliability, infrastructure planning, and long-term energy affordability for existing customers.

While economic development can bring benefits to our region, projects of this scale must be evaluated carefully to ensure that existing residents, small businesses, and local communities are not negatively impacted.

I respectfully request that regulators, elected officials, and utility representatives take the following actions before approving any agreements, infrastructure investments, rate structures, or utility commitments associated with this project:

1. Protect Existing Ratepayers

Residential customers, seniors on fixed incomes, renters, and small businesses should not be required to subsidize infrastructure or service costs associated with a private data center project. Any costs directly attributable to the project should be borne by the project developer and beneficiaries.

2. Maintain Grid Reliability

Spokane-area residents depend on a reliable electric system. Any new large-load customer should be required to demonstrate that its power requirements can be met without jeopardizing reliability, increasing outage risks, or reducing service quality for existing customers.

3. Require Full Transparency

The public deserves meaningful access to information regarding major projects that may affect utility planning, infrastructure investment, and future rates. I request that all legally disclosable information concerning this project be made available for public review and comment before final approvals are granted.

4. Conduct Thorough Impact Reviews

Before any approvals move forward, regulators and local officials should carefully evaluate potential impacts on:

- Electric rates
- Grid reliability
- Infrastructure requirements
- Local government services
- Land use and community planning

• Water and environmental resources
• Long-term economic benefits to Spokane County

5. Ensure Meaningful Public Participation

Residents should have sufficient notice and opportunity to review proposals, attend public meetings, and submit comments before decisions are finalized.

If future filings reveal that the project would impose substantial costs, create unacceptable reliability risks, or provide insufficient public benefit, I urge regulators and decision-makers to reject, suspend, or require modification of the proposal until those concerns are fully addressed.

I appreciate your consideration of these concerns and respectfully request that the interests of existing Spokane-area residents and businesses remain a top priority throughout any review process.

I certify that the views expressed in this letter are my own and that I am submitting this comment as a resident and stakeholder in Spokane County.

Sincerely,

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Please include me on any public notices, hearings, or comment opportunities related to future proceedings involving this proposal.