

Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Re; Rate increase requested by Avista utilities, Spokane, Wa.

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It has always been my understanding that a public utilities company serving a particular area was exempt from monopoly restrictions because the State regulated the rates charged. These rates were established to allow for a reasonable profit. The rates were to be suitable to the general public the company served.

The Avista Co. has once again expressed its greed by asking for an increase after a year exemplified by record profits. Their stock just paid the highest dividends of record for the Co. Avista continues to make investments and improvements. I believe that those investments should be provided in their business plan and not assessed to the public in the form of rate increases allowing once again for excessive profits. I believe that increases should be approved in the cause of need for operation and not for outrageous bonuses for the executives. I firmly believe a total audit by the commission is in order and should be examined before additional rate increases are approved.

Thank you for your consideration in the matter.

  
Sincerely,  
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