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Subject: Rate increases for Avista Utilities

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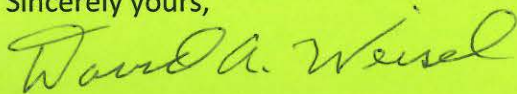
It is quite evident that Avista has figured that they will keep presenting Power Cost Rate Adjustments and Increases to see how many will stick.. The latest adjustment of \$2.58 of 3.1 % that they want to become effective September 1, 2017 is an unsubstantiated request as the raw material of natural gas has not increased to that level. Then they propose a trial balloon of a General Rate Increase of \$8.05 of a 9.2% increase. Not one of any commodities are getting a 9.2% increase.

While I understand that you must provide shareholder value, it should not be on the backs of the consumers especially if they are not costs justified. Just floating increases to get more bonuses or margins does not make sense.

Today I notice that Avista is joining a Canadian Company Hydro One. While this may be okay on some level, this also may lend itself to question what is this company about. Is it customer service, is it about continual rate increases, is it about higher bonuses?

As the raw material to generate electricity is hydro, and natural gas, and some cases coal, a 9.2% statistically cannot be justified.

Sincerely yours,



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