

CASE # AVU-E-25-01; AVU-G-25-01
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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in response to Avista's January 31st, 2025 application to change electric & GAS rates.

I am not a numbers man but the proposed increases in electric and natural gas appears perverse and potentially detrimental to those they serve.

Increasing residential electric rates 14.7 percent this year and then compounding that with 5.3 percent in 2026 is nearing criminality when you consider the number of

customers on fixed incomes
and the financial straits
they will endure.

2025 brought with it
a 2.5 percent COLA, (Cost of
living adjustment) increase
for Social Security recipients.
On average that equals
approximately \$50.⁰⁰ a
month.

Now, if you consider that
Avista's ~~their~~ proposal is increasing
the basic monthly charge
of \$5.⁰⁰ to \$25-30.⁰⁰ a
month, in addition to the
proposed rate increases,
they will have successfully
harnessed the C.O.L.A.
increase that was ~~not~~
meant to help recipients

with their living situations
across the board and
not just one aspect
(electric/gas) of it.

No, I am not in favor
of Arista's proposed
increase + my hope is
that this is not
a fait accompli!

Sincerely,

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