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From: Carolyn Oliver

To: Gary Hanson

Subject: BHP rate increase

Sent: Apr 2, 2014 10:25 AM

Dear Mr. Hanson, I am writing in response to the proposed rate increase from BHP for a horrible, destructive-to-consumers 13%. It is not the consumer's fault there was a horrible storm in October. BHP should have been prepared for an Act-Of-God - just like we, the consumers, had to be prepared for the tree,yard,vehicle, shed and house destruction which happened in the same storm. Many of us had huge dollar amounts to repair - and some, here in Deadwood where I live, have been unable to even clean-up totally yet until the snow clears. I lost three trees and the remains of one still has to be cut and removed at an additional cost of at least \$500 (2 estimates). I have no trees left. Oh the big "poor" BHP - I'm sure they could dip into their back-up funds to pay for the damage and the poor management of where power comes from. So they only make a 10% profit (or whatever their markup is) instead of 15%. Maybe their CEO's could take a hit on their gigantic salaries - just as the repairs have cost us the lowly consumers and if the rate increase passes, will continue to cost us for years. (I've never seen a rate increase recinded). I ask you - where is the additional funding going to come from for me? My place of employment isn't going to give me a wage increase to cover my cost of the storm. When making your decision, PLEASE ! keep in mind us lowly consumers we have no power (so to speak) against the big monopoly BHP. Thank you for your consideration, Carolyn Oliver

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