

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 12:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Eixenberger:

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From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 12:06 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Thorpe:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kim Alarie

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Oct 1, 2014 11:42 PM

Chair

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Black Hills Power should be investing in local energy and creating a more stable future for South Dakota's citizens and rate payers. The company knew coal was going to get more expensive, and now they're risking our future by investing in natural gas, another fossil fuel subject to price increases and further regulation.

Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Kim Alarie
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 12:30 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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-----Original Message-----

From: Justin Carlyle

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Oct 1, 2014 9:57 PM

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Justin Carlyle
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 12:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick Dowling

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Oct 1, 2014 9:41 PM

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Patrick Dowling
[REDACTED]

From: PUC
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 1:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: shoemakervzlar@gmail.com

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Oct 1, 2014 7:02 PM

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Lisa Shoemaker

[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Shoemaker:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Gordon

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Oct 1, 2014 6:54 PM

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Janet Gordon
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:07 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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-----Original Message-----

From: Phyllis Parkhurst

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Oct 1, 2014 6:10 PM

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Phyllis Parkhurst
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:12 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Parkhurst:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Matthew Melanson [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 8:53 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Matthew Melanson
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ryan Aalbu [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 9:00 AM
To: Fiegen, Kristie
Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Ryan Aalbu
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Ryan Aalbu [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 9:23 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

Chair Hanson, Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

Earlier, I sent the blanket e-mail without providing my input. I feel that South Dakota is a state rich in natural resources. We have clear blue skies and areas on the plains where the wind never stops blowing. If the resources are available to utilize these resources, why wouldn't we. BH Power could invest in solar and wind using the same resources they are currently digging up the ground to find their current sources. I would rather see them invest and maintain solar and wind power sources than maintain Caterpillar loaders, scrapers, dumpers etc.

I, just as much as the next guy don't want to have increases in my monthly expenses and feel that BH Power already has high enough rates to supplement the salaries and benefits of their organization as well as provide for their operational costs.

Please look out for South Dakota's future starting today and look 10 or 15 years down the road and see where you think of where our energy production will be coming from. Let's make some positive changes.

Sincerely,

Ryan

Ryan Aalbu
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:20 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tom OBrien [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 10:03 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Tom OBrien

[REDACTED]
Deadwood, SD 57732
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. OBrien:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Leah Diggins [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 11:27 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Leah Diggins
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:35 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Diggins:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Donna Fisher [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 11:09 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Donna Fisher
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:37 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Fisher:

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-----Original Message-----

From: William fomagall [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 1:02 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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William fomagall
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Fomagall:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dowell Caselli-Smith [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 1:48 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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Dowell Caselli-Smith
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Dowell:

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tenaya Gibson [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:32 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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I, and many others strongly oppose the rate increase by Black Hills Power, and I urge you to deny their request. It is not in the public interest and it is not good for South Dakota. Black Hills Power tried to use this rate increase to make it harder for us to invest in our own electricity generation; it seems they are not making choices in the best interest of South Dakotans.

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Tenaya Gibson
[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 2:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP)
FOR ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION)
OF PERMIT ISSUED IN DOCKET)
HP09-001 TO CONSTRUCT THE)
KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE)

APPLICATION FOR PARTY

STATUS

HP14-001

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OCT 06 2014

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17,

Paul F. Seamans

(Name of Applicant)

petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in the above-referenced facility permit proceeding.

Briefly explain your interest in this permit proceeding. Form is limited to 1000 characters.

The Keystone XL is slated to cross my land by Draper. I feel I was bullied by TransCanada in that they threatened me with eminent domain in my first contact with their land agent.

Paul F Seamans

Signature of Applicant

Paul F Seamans

Print or Type Name

Address: 27893 249th Street
Draper SD 57531

605 669 2777

Phone Number

jackknife@goldenwest.net

Email Address

Name of Organization (if applicable)

Oct 3 2014

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of October, 2014.

Debra D Byrd

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 12.31.16

(Seal)

NOTE:

The petition was filed Sept. 15, 2014. This Application for Party Status form must be filed in the Commission's offices on or before Oct. 15, 2014.

Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
Electronic Filing: <http://puc.sd.gov/EFilingOptions.aspx>

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From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 3:00 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Seamans:

Thank you for your comment. It will be added to the Black Hills Power rate case docket, <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2014/EL14-026.aspx>, along with my response for the other commissioners and those interested in the case to read regarding this case before the commission.

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