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From: Ron Saeger [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2014 10:59 AM  
To: Fiegen, Kristie  
Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

I 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.

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.

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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 31, 2014 12:04 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Mr. Saeger:

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 to read regarding this open docket before the commission. Because commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open docket must take place in an open, public forum.

Here is a document which explains the processing of utility rate case requests which may be helpful to you. It references the South Dakota Codified Laws governing utilities and the commission regarding rate requests: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/electricratecasehandout.pdf>

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