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From: John Ryan

Date:01/12/2015 8:06 PM (GMT-06:00)

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. I don't know how BHP thinks we can keep paying these ridiculous prices, as a home owner my average for the year 2014 was \$240. 00 per month, pretty soon we will all be asking for heat assistance 'cause nobody will be able to afford there prices,@ they can use their big bonuses for investing into natural gas & other fossil fuel,& quit taking from the little guy!

Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

John Ryan



002864

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From: John Ryan [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 8:06 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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John Ryan
[REDACTED]

002865

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From: John Ryan

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

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John Ryan
[REDACTED]

002866

From: PUC
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 8:58 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Ryan:

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. Since commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open docket must take place in a public forum.

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The commission is working on four electric rate increase request dockets at this time, from Xcel Energy, MidAmerican Energy and NorthWestern Energy in addition to BHP's. I encourage you to read the applications submitted by these utilities and posted online to note the cost-causers cited. All point to federal mandates such as new Environmental Protection Agency requirements. The cost of compliance with federal laws is passed along to customers via increased rates as allowed by law.

I appreciate your concern about rising utility costs. I assure you that I am not interested in raising electric rates beyond what is justified and reasonable according to the evidence provided in this docket for which the commission has yet to rule. I am confident my fellow commissioners would relay the same. All of us and our families are consumers of energy in South Dakota as well, and we understand the difficulty in paying increased costs. Therefore, a thorough job must be done investigating the facts and following the law, as is currently underway.

Gary Hanson, Chairperson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
www.puc.sd.gov

002867

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

From: Juli ames-Curtis [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:23 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Juli ames-Curtis
[REDACTED]

002868

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From: Juli ames-Curtis

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

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Juli ames-Curtis
[REDACTED]

Gary

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Juli ames-Curtis
[REDACTED]

002870

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 12:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Ames-Curtis:

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Gary Hanson, Chairperson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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002871

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

From: Jackie Cauthron-Schafer

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 13, 2015 10:11 AM

Chair

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Jackie Cauthron-Schafer
[REDACTED]

002872

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From: Jackie Cauthron-Schafer [mailto:

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 10:11 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Jackie Cauthron-Schafer


002873

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From: Jackie Cauthron-Schafer [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 10:11 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

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Jackie Cauthron-Schafer
[REDACTED]

002874

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 4:08 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Cauthron-Schafer:

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.

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Gary Hanson, Chairperson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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002875

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

From: Patsy hood [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:51 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Approve Black Hills Power rate increase

Commissioner

Chair Hanson and Commissioners:

I like knowing I will have reliable power not only now but in the future. Black Hills Power is meeting the standards set forth by government regulators for the utility companies. They may even exceed them. If this means I must pay more then that is the way it is. I like having good food on my table so I pay the price at the store. So it is with utilities. The utility companies are expected, no mandated, to provide reliable power to all of their customers. They cannot do that without investing in new technologies and more efficient and effective fuel sources. I don't expect them to fo that without passing some of those costs back to the consumers. Just like our groceries.

Patsy hood
[REDACTED]

002876

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Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:51 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

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002877

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Patsy hood
[REDACTED]

002878

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:54 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Hood:

Thank you for your message regarding Black Hills Power's electric rate case request currently being processed by the commission. I have no desire to allow increased costs for electricity for any South Dakotan, and I am certain my fellow commissioners feel likewise. However, the commission has the legal authority to investigate investor-owned electric utility requested rate increase applications filed in South Dakota. This process is to determine a just and reasonable rate to allow for safe, reliable electric service to that utility's customers. Your message indicates that you understand that obligation.

Since you appear interested in the work of the commission, I encourage you to follow along as the case is processed by visiting the online docket, EL14-026: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2014/EL14-026.aspx> The testimony accompanying BHP's application provides the utility's justification for this rate increase request. My fellow commissioners and I have yet to rule on this docket, but that decision will be added to the docket once determined.

Additionally, because this is an open docket before the commission, your message and my response will be posted in the docket.

I very much appreciate your comments.

Gary Hanson, Chairperson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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002879

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

From: Tammy Stymiest [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:46 PM

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.

Tammy Stymiest
[REDACTED]

002880

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From: Tammy Stymiest [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:46 PM
To: Nelson, Chris
Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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Tammy Stymiest
[REDACTED]

002881

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Tammy Stymiest
[REDACTED]

002882

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 4:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Stymiest:

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002883

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

From: Tom OBrien [<mailto:tobrien777@aol.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:25 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

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Tom OBrien

2 Ryan Road

Deadwood, SD 57732

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002884

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From: Tom OBrien [REDACTED]

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Tom OBrien
[REDACTED]

002885

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Tom OBrien
[REDACTED]

002886

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 4:20 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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002887

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

From: Suzanne Weber [<mailto:suzweber4020@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:11 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

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Suzanne Weber
24466 393rd Ave
Mt. Vernon, SD 57363

002888

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From: Suzanne Weber [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:11 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Suzanne Weber
[REDACTED]

002889

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Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 1:11 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

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Suzanne Weber
[REDACTED]

002890

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 4:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Weber:

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002891

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

From: Jackie Langley [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 12:56 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

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Jackie Langley
[REDACTED]

002892

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Jackie Langley
[REDACTED]

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Jackie Langley
[REDACTED]

002894

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 4:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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