
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
www.puc.sd.gov

002933

----- Original message -----

From: Kyle Portell

Date:01/13/2015 8:28 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. 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.

Kyle Portell



002934

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

From: Kyle Portell

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 13, 2015 8:28 PM

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Kyle Portell

[REDACTED]

002935

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From: Kyle Portell [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 8:28 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Kyle Portell
[REDACTED]

002936

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:17 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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002937

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

From: Jennifer Beving

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 13, 2015 9:02 PM

Chair

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Jennifer Beving

[REDACTED]

002938

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From: Jennifer Beving

Date:01/13/2015 9:03 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Fiegen, Kristie"

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Jennifer Beving



002939

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From: Jennifer Beving [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:03 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Commissioner

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Jennifer Beving
[REDACTED]

002940

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From: Scott Burcham

Date:01/13/2015 9:23 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Fiegen, Kristie"

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Scott Burcham



002941

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From: Scott Burcham

To: Gary Hanson

[REDACTED]
Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 13, 2015 9:23 PM

Chair

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Scott Burcham

[REDACTED]

002942

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Commissioner

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Scott Burcham
[REDACTED]

002943

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Burcham:

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002944

From: PUC
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Beving:

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002945

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

From: Lynn Ryan [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 8:33 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Lynn Ryan
[REDACTED]

002946

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

From: Lynn Ryan [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 8:33 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Lynn Ryan
[REDACTED]

002947

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

From: Lynn Ryan

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: Ryan, Lynn

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 8:33 AM

Chair

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Lynn Ryan



002948

From: Jolene Ryan[S [REDACTED]]

Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2015 3:53:11 PM

To: PUC

Subject: Rate increase

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Due to the fact that BHP has received 6 increases since 2008, we strongly feel that the PUC needs to start standing up for the people of SD, & not let BHP stock holders be so greedy, storm Altas should not have been a permanent raise increase on our bill. The PUC is also suppose the represent the people, not just BHP. The power in Wyoming (which is also BHP) is a lot cheaper then SD, that's because the PUC regulates them & doesn't give them every increase they want. SD is the 2nd highest state for electricity, but we are NOT the 2nd highest state for income, are they planning on everybody getting government help to pay for their electric bill, because that is what its coming to. I guess we all need to start looking into solar panels & wind turbans & get off the grid. Thank You the Ryans

002949

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

From: Delmar Nelson [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 8:06 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Delmar Nelson
[REDACTED]

002950

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

From: Delmar Nelson [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 8:06 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Delmar Nelson
[REDACTED]

002951

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

From: Delmar Nelson

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 8:06 AM

Chair

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Delmar Nelson
[REDACTED]

002952

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 1:28 PM

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Nelson:

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002953

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 1:32 PM

To: Ryan, Lynn

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Lynn:

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002954

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

From: Jami Buttke [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 11:53 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Thank you for your time!

Jami Buttke

Jami Buttke
[REDACTED]

002955

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From: Jami Buttke [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 11:53 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Jami Buttke

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[REDACTED]

002956

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From: Jami Buttke [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 11:53 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

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Chair

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Thank you for your time!

Jami Buttke

Jami Buttke
[REDACTED]

002957

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:00 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Ms. Buttke:

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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002958

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

From: Katherine Montague [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 10:17 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Katherine Montague
[REDACTED]

002959

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

From: Katherine Montague [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 10:17 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Katherine Montague
[REDACTED]

002960

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

From: Katherine Montague [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 10:17 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

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Chair

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Katherine Montague
[REDACTED]

002961

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 12:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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002962

From: Kathleen Gamer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Fiegen, Kristie
Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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Kathleen Gamer
[REDACTED]

002963

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

From: Kathleen Gamer [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:44 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Kathleen Gamer
[REDACTED]

002964

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

From: Kathleen Gamer

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

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Chair

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Kathleen Gamer
[REDACTED]

002965

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 1:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Gamer:

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002966

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

From: Jillian Anawaty [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:49 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Jillian Anawaty
[REDACTED]

002967

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From: Jillian Anawaty

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 9:49 AM

Chair

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Jillian Anawaty
[REDACTED]

002968

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From: Jillian Anawaty [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:49 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Jillian Anawaty
[REDACTED]

002969

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 1:23 PM

Subject: BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Ms. Anawaty:

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002970

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

From: Vibrant Life Yoga & Pilate Herben Legends, Inc. [<mailto:jillian@vibrantlifed.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:52 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Vibrant Life Yoga & Pilate Herben Legends, Inc.

1002 Jackson Blvd.

Rapid City, SD 57702

(605) 939-0299

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

From: Vibrant Life Yoga & Pilate Herben Legends, Inc.

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: jillian@vibrantlifesd.com

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 9:51 AM

Chair

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002973

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 1:25 PM

To: 'jillian@vibrantlifed.com'

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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002974

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

From: Gwen Caldwell [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 9:28 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Gwen Caldwell
[REDACTED]

002975

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Gwen Caldwell
[REDACTED]

002976

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

From: Gwen Caldwell

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 9:27 AM

Chair

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Gwen Caldwell
[REDACTED]

002977

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

From: John Woods [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 6:00 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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John Woods
[REDACTED]

002978

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From: John Woods [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 6:00 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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John Woods
[REDACTED]

002979

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Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 6:00 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

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John Woods
[REDACTED]

002980

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:19 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Woods:

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From: Robert Lowrey [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 4:46 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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Robert Lowrey
[REDACTED]

002982

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From: Robert Lowrey [REDACTED]

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To: Fiegen, Kristie

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