
From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:21 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Lowrey:

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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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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003341

From: PUC
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Woods:

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003342

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

From: Christy bentley [mailto:

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 8:05 PM

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.

Christy bentley


003343

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

From: Christy bentley

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: g [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 8:05 PM

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Christy bentley

[REDACTED]

003344

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

From: Christy bentley [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 8:05 PM

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.

Christy bentley
[REDACTED]

003345

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:23 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Bentley:

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003346

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

From: Connie Mogen [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:59 PM

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 of South Dakota or the people of the Black Hills.

Black Hills Power should be investing in renewable energy and creating a more stable future for South Dakota's citizens and rate payers as well as preserving the environment especially the beautiful Black Hills. The company knew coal was going to get more expensive, and now they're risking our future by investing in natural gas, another finite fossil fuel subject to price increases and further regulation, as well as eventual depletion. Any rate increase should include a requirement to develop more renewable energy sources.

Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Connie Mogen
[REDACTED]

003347

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

From: Connie Mogen

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 7:59 PM

Chair

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Connie Mogen
[REDACTED]

003348

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

From: Connie Mogen [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:59 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Connie Mogen
[REDACTED]

003349

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:24 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Ms. Mogen:

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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003350

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

From: Gregory Beuckens

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 10:09 PM

Chair

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Gregory Beuckens
[REDACTED]

003351

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

From: Gregory Beuckens [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 10:09 PM

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.

Gregory Beuckens
[REDACTED]

003352

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

From: Gregory Beuckens [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 10:09 PM

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.

Gregory Beuckens
[REDACTED]

003353

From: PUC
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:25 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Beuckens:

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003354

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

From: Kyle Wahlfeldt

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 11:17 PM

Chair

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Kyle Wahlfeldt
[REDACTED]

003355

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

From: Kyle Wahlfeldt [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 11:17 PM

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 Wahlfeldt
[REDACTED]

003356

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

From: Kyle Wahlfeldt [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 11:17 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

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.

Kyle Wahlfeldt
[REDACTED]

003357

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:27 AM

To: 'kwconstruction1978@gmail.com'

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Kyle:

Thank you for your comment. It will be added to the Black Hills Power rate case docket,

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003358

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

From: Erick Blue [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 6:40 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

Chair Hanson, Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen.

I am vehemently opposed to the rate increase by Black Hills Power. This increase is being used to make it harder to investment into our own electricity generation.

Sustainability is key. With more investment into natural gas and other fossil fuels we sully the future of our children.

I ask that you please deny the rate increase request.

Erick Blue
[REDACTED]

003359

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

From: Erick Blue

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 15, 2015 6:40 AM

Chair

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I ask that you please deny the rate increase request.

Erick Blue
[REDACTED]

003360

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

From: Erick Blue [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 6:40 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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I ask that you please deny the rate increase request.

Erick Blue
[REDACTED]

003361

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:28 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Blue:

Thank you for your comment. It will be added to the Black Hills Power rate case docket,

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003362

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

From: Lauren Patterson

To: Gary Hanson
[REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 15, 2015 8:57 AM

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Lauren Patterson
[REDACTED]

003363

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

From: Lauren Patterson [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 8:58 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Lauren Patterson
[REDACTED]

003364

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

From: Lauren Patterson [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 8:58 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Commissioner

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Lauren Patterson
[REDACTED]

003365

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:30 AM

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Lauren:

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003366

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

From: Larry Morrisson

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 15, 2015 10:05 AM

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Larry Morrisson
[REDACTED]

003367

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

From: Larry Morrisson [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 10:05 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Larry Morrisson
[REDACTED]

003368

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

From: Larry Morrisson [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 10:05 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.

Larry Morrisson
[REDACTED]

003369

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:31 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Morrisson:

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003370

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

From: Anthony Speiser [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:51 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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The rate increase should absolutely not be applied to personal power generation, therefore this proposal must be denied. Also a rate increase should not be used to simply to generate profit. Market forces may dictate recessionary movement at times.

Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request,

Anthony

Anthony Speiser
[REDACTED]

003371

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

From: Anthony Speiser [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:51 AM
To: Fiegen, Kristie
Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Anthony

Anthony Speiser
[REDACTED]

003372

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

From: Anthony Speiser [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:51 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Commissioner

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request,

Anthony

Anthony Speiser
[REDACTED]

003373

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 1:35 PM

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Speiser:

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003374

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

From: David Uehling [REDACTED]

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

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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David Uehling
[REDACTED]

003375

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From: David Uehling [REDACTED]

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

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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From: Steven Smart [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:33 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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Steven Smart
[REDACTED]

003380

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 5:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Smart:

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<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2014/EL14-026.aspx>,

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Gary Hanson, Chairperson

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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From: Mary Armour [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:50 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

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Mary Armour

[REDACTED]

003382

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Mary Armour

[REDACTED]

003384

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 5:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

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Gary Hanson, Chairperson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sasha Campbell [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 1:18 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

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Sasha Campbell
[REDACTED]

003386

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Sasha Campbell
[REDACTED]

003387

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 5:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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