

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

From: Chris Boever

Date: 01/16/2015 5:47 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.

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.

Chris Boever



003546

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

From: Chris Boever

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 16, 2015 5:47 PM

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Chris Boever
[REDACTED]

003547

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

From: Chris Boever [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 5:48 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.

Chris Boever
[REDACTED]

003548

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:01 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Chris:

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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003549

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

From: Julie Mechaley [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 8:08 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.

Julie Mechaley
[REDACTED]

003550

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

From: Julie Mechaley [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 8:08 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.

Julie Mechaley
[REDACTED]

003551

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

From: Julie Mechaley

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 17, 2015 8:08 AM

Chair

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Julie Mechaley
[REDACTED]

003552

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:11 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Ms. Mechaley:

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003553

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

From: nick toth [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 8:33 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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nick toth
[REDACTED]

003554

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

From: nick toth [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 8:33 AM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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nick toth
[REDACTED]

003555

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

From: nick toth [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 8:33 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

nick toth
[REDACTED]

003556

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:18 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Toth:

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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003557

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

From: Paula Blake [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 9:46 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.

Paula Blake
[REDACTED]

003558

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

From: Paula Blake [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 9:46 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.

Paula Blake
[REDACTED]

003559

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

From: Paula Blake

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 17, 2015 9:46 AM

Chair

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Paula Blake
[REDACTED]

003560

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:09 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Ms. Blake:

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003561

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

From: elizabeth johnson [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 11:20 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.

elizabeth johnson
[REDACTED]

003562

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

From: elizabeth johnson

Date:01/17/2015 11:19 AM (GMT-06:00)

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.

elizabeth johnson



003563

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

From: elizabeth johnson

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 17, 2015 11:19 AM

Chair

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elizabeth johnson
[REDACTED]

Gary

003564

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:06 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Johnson:

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

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003565

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

From: jason Sjomeling

Date:01/17/2015 9:18 PM (GMT-06:00)

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.

jason Sjomeling



003566

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From: jason Sjomeling

To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 17, 2015 9:18 PM

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jason Sjomeling
[REDACTED]

003567

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

From: Jason Sjomeling [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 09:18 PM Central Standard Time

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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jason Sjomeling
[REDACTED]

003568

From: PUC
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Sjomeling:

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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003569

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

From: Jennifer Lucero

Date:01/18/2015 10:51 AM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Fiegen, Kristie"

Subject: I Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Jennifer Lucero



003570

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

From: Jennifer Lucero [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 10:51 AM Central Standard Time

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: I Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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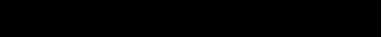
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Jennifer Lucero
[REDACTED]

003571

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

From: Jennifer Lucero [mailto:

Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 10:51 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: I Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Jennifer Lucero



003572

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:11 PM

To: Lucero, Jennifer

Subject: BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Ms. Lucero:

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003573

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

From: Kendra Ham

Date:01/18/2015 1:28 PM (GMT-06:00)

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.

Kendra Ham



003574

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

From: Kendra Ham [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 01:28 PM Central Standard Time
To: Nelson, Chris
Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Kendra Ham
[REDACTED]

003575

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

From: Kendra Ham [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 1:28 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Kendra Ham
[REDACTED]

003576

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:32 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Ham:

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003577

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

From: Hayden Graff

Date:01/18/2015 4:10 PM (GMT-06:00)

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.

Hayden Graff



003578

From: Hayden Graff [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 4:10 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.

Hayden Graff
[REDACTED]

003579

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

From: Hayden Graff [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 4:11 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Hayden Graff
[REDACTED]

003580

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:36 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Hayden:

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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003581

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

From: Erika Graham

Date:01/18/2015 2:56 PM (GMT-06:00)

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.

Erika Graham



003582

From: Erika Graham [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 2:56 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.

Erika Graham
[REDACTED]

003583

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

From: Erika Graham [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, January 18, 2015 2:56 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Erika Graham
[REDACTED]

003584

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:34 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Graham:

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003585

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

From: julie brooks

Date:01/19/2015 7:36 AM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Fiegen, Kristie"

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

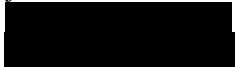
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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

julie brooks



003586

From: julie brooks [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 7:36 AM
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.

julie brooks
[REDACTED]

003587

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

From: julie brooks [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 7:37 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

julie brooks
[REDACTED]

003588

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Brooks:

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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003589

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

From: Dennis Champ [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:04 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.

Dennis Champ
[REDACTED]

003590

[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:04 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.

Dennis Champ
[REDACTED]

003591

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

From: Dennis Champ [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:04 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Dennis Champ
[REDACTED]

003592

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 1:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Champ:

I cannot tell you why your electric bill is higher than your natural gas bill without analyzing your bills or the associated information or data. You may wish to contact Black Hills Power to have a consumer service representative guide you through your bill to determine what specific electric costs for your home are highest and may be reduced. You may find it interesting to also check out energy-saving tools available from BHP at www.BHPsavemoney.com or by contacting BHP's Melanie Toney at (605) 721-1709. You may even be a candidate for and take advantage of the utility's onsite assessment and whole home energy audit.

Keep in mind that the BHP rates which went into effect Oct. 1, 2014 are interim rates. As noted in BHP's application, the utility requested an average increase of 9.25 percent. By law, public utilities are allowed to implement their proposed increased rates, subject to change after the commission's ruling, once the required 180-day suspension ends. If the commission ultimately approves rates lower than the interim rates, BHP will refund its customers the difference in rates plus interest for the interim period. The public hearing on BHP's rate increase request is going on now and you can listen live to the proceedings by going to our website www.puc.sd.gov and clicking on listen [LIVE](#) to the hearing for docket [EL14-026](#).

When a utility files a rate case, the commission is obligated by law to thoroughly process the case. This process can take almost a year to complete. Each commissioner, the commission's staff and expert consultants hired by staff will review the entire case – referred to as a docket – separately, along with any intervenors in the case. We request and review additional data and information from the utility and conduct an evidentiary hearing prior to a decision being rendered.

The cost of electricity is on the rise not only for you and me, but for other investor-owned, rural cooperative and municipal electric systems' customers throughout South Dakota and the U.S. South Dakota has six investor-owned electric utilities, and of these, four currently have open rate case request dockets before the commission. The most-cited reason for these increased rates is new federal mandates, particularly those from the Environmental Protection Agency. American Electric Power reports that 65,000 MW of electric capacity are being retired largely because of EPA regulations. That is nearly 30 times the amount of electricity the state of South Dakota uses at peak demand. EPA mandates were one of the four reasons cited by BHP in filing this rate

increase request. You can read BHP official Vance Crocker's testimony about this in the docket at <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/dockets/electric/2014/EL14-026/crocker.pdf>

As a consumer as well as a PUC commissioner, I appreciate your frustration for increased energy costs. I do not wish to pay increased rates either. However, the law requires the commission to fully investigate rate increase request dockets filed by the regulated utilities, and to allow utility rates that are proven reasonable and justifiable.

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

From: Molle Palmer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Nelson, Chris
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.

Molle Palmer
[REDACTED]

003595

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

From: Molle Palmer [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:44 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Molle Palmer
[REDACTED]

003596

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

From: Molle Palmer [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:44 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Molle Palmer
[REDACTED]

003597

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:52 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Palmer:

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003598

From: Christie Jensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:52 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.

Christie Jensen
[REDACTED]

003599

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

From: Christie Jensen [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:53 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.

Christie Jensen
[REDACTED]

003600

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

From: Christie Jensen [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:53 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Christie Jensen
[REDACTED]

003601

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:55 PM

Subject: BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Ms. Jensen:

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Gary Hanson, Chairperson

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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003602

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

From: Jerilyn Church

Date:01/19/2015 11:01 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: "Fiegen, Kristie"

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

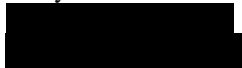
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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Jerilyn Church



003603

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

From: Jerilyn Church [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 11:01 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.

Jerilyn Church
[REDACTED]

003604

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

From: Jerilyn Church [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 11:01 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Jerilyn Church
[REDACTED]

003605

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Ms. Church:

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Gary Hanson, Chairperson

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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003606

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

From: Glen Elshire [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 6:50 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.

Glen Elshire

[REDACTED]

003607

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

From: Glen Elshire [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 6:50 AM

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.

Glen Elshire
[REDACTED]

003608

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

From: Glen Elshire [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 6:50 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Chair

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Glen Elshire
[REDACTED]

003609

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:03 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Elshire:

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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003610

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

From: Naomi Uhrig [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:29 AM

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.

Naomi Uhrig
[REDACTED]

003611

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

From: Naomi Uhrig [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:29 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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Naomi Uhrig
[REDACTED]

003612

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From: Naomi Uhrig [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 10:29 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

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Naomi Uhrig
[REDACTED]

003613

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:05 PM

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Uhrig:

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Gary Hanson, Chairperson
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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003614

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

From: Franciee Ganje [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:38 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Black Hills Power's expansions in other states (and the money that requires) and its shareholders are the only interests being served. It is not in the public interest and it is not good for South Dakota.

Black Hills Power uses rate increases to make it harder for us to invest in our own alternative power resources, like solar power; they are not making choices in the best interest of South Dakotans.

Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Sincerely,
Francie Ganje

Franciee Ganje
[REDACTED]

003615

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From: Franciee Ganje [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:38 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

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Sincerely,
Franciee Ganje

Franciee Ganje
[REDACTED]

003616

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Franciee Ganje
[REDACTED]

003617

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:07 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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003618

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

From: james munger [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 2:04 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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james munger
[REDACTED]

003619

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

From: james munger [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 2:04 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

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james munger
[REDACTED]

003620

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

From: james munger [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 2:04 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

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Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

james munger
[REDACTED]

003621

From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Mr. Munger:

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

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