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From: Robert Reiling [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 9:38 AM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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Sorry Axel is right on track with what  
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four years.

Sorry, the Commissioners are yes people  
to Axel. Not the interest of the public.  
The rate of increase is greater than my increase  
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And Axel is asking 8 or 9 percent increase.

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I taught American Government for ten years.  
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When public servant do a good job you vote them in or  
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John Martin  
Sioux Falls, S.Dak.

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**Is Black Hills Power  
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However, my monthly customer charge has increased more than 14 percent and my monthly energy charge has increased more than 22 percent.

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**Francis DiCesare**  
Rapid City

*For: Hanson  
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