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From: Gregory Esteve [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 01:10 PM Central Standard Time  
To: Nelson, Chris  
Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015 3:21 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** BHP RATE CASE, EL14-026

Mr. Esteve:

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 this response. 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. By placing your comments in the docket file, other commissioners and interested parties will have access to your comments for consideration.

Here is a document which explains the processing of electric utility rate case requests which may be helpful to you. It references the South Dakota Codified Laws governing utilities and the commission regarding electric rate requests: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/electricratecasehandout.pdf>

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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