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To: Van Gerpen, Patty

Subject: BHP Increase

To put this in a few words. "This is insane"! I have sent an Email to BHP concerning this huge increase. My thermostats have been set to 65 last year, 60 this year. Next year: Freeze to death? I am disgusted having to pay for construction for all these businesses that need to return to old system of paying for your own expansion. I cannot be convinced this is being done today. Consumers are levied with this charge while CEO's and upper management put this money in their pockets. If this was in effect today my last months charge would have been over one hundred dollars more than what it was. I chose to go all electric for the so called lower rate. I am thinking about that decision now and may go to another method to heat my garage over the winter months. Seems as though all businesses are making a grab for all they can get during the most difficult times this country has seen in many many years. The greed has astounded me. This also smells of greed by BHP. The gap between these businesses and the ability for people to pay has widened by a great deal. I have received noticed that more federal taxes are being removed from my Military retired pay when I already had seven hundred plus removed voluntarily in addition to the required amount. Am I making sense here? Almost one thousand dollars being removed from a retirement check! These people need to fund their own expansion. Tampa Electric built a natural gas power plant beside an old polluting coalfired plant beside the bay. Not only did the air clear dramatically but electric bills began to go DOWN. The gas piped to this power plant. Wyoming, where this plant is to be built, has natural gas under their feet. We could use cleaner air and use a source that for some reason in this country, there has been a movement away from. One more question. Are those users in Wyoming and Montana being hit with the same increases? This request has to be turned down. I would also bet all the maintenance needed for the current power plant(s) in question had not been updated through the years nor were maintained as needed. My entire career was spent in the electrical power producing field my entire adult working career. I am not unaware of the short cuts or just plain ignoring repairs that had to be done in order for equipment to last for a long time. Let it destroy itself then get another cheap unit to replace it over and over again. Decisions made on short term solutions instead of looking at the long run. Disgusting to me. I urge your Utility's commission to deny this request completely. Folks in this state have a hard enough time making a living. this will destroy far too many.

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