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My name is Roger Fischer, and I am a registered voter who lives in the affected area that Black Hills Power wants to raise the power rate some 26%. Not only is this an extremely excessive rate hike for anyone anywhere, a rate hike is just not warranted in this area at all. I work in the Powder River Basin at a coal mine, and am kept up to date on the coal prices on a regualar basis. Coal is at a 10 low in prices and the cost of producing electricity should be going down, not up. I am sure that BHP wants us to pay for the new power plant that was built in Gillette, that is not operating as of yet. This plant was built for peaking loads elsewhere, and the people in this area should not be handed the bill for this construction.

Deny any rate increase for Black Hills Power and Light for the above mentioned reasons.

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