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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

April 12, 2010

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500 E. CAPITOL
PIERRE, SD 57501

Dear Commissioners;

My husband and I would like to strongly object to the outrageous rate hike that Black Hills Power company is requesting.

My family is on a fixed income , Social Security, and I can't see how we can stretch our limited income to cover this hike.

We are both handicapped and Al is over 75 years old so its impossible for us to work outside our home. We are already squeezing our pennies until they scream "UNCLE" Please help us and tell Black Hills Power "NO" to Black Hills Power's 26% rate hike.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Janice Mullen

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Nisland, S.D. 57701