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Gentlemen,

The enclosed article from the Rapid City Journal states the increase in revenue for the Bl. Hills Corp. and also info about the proposal for two gas fired facilities to serve southern Colorado. Several years ago the CEO of Bl. Hills Corp. wanted to build Wygen LLL to serve California. Now what makes this all very strange that the other day I went for gasoline at the Spearfish Safeway Complex and I see a sign that we are Windpowered. So I went in to find out where the turbine is located. The person replied "we are buying it from California". No<sup>w</sup> why in the world should the senior citizens of SD be asked to pay for a power plant to serve another State?

Colorado has a lot of sunshine and so does New Mexico. Why don't they build a solar facility there and if they don't like that idea Colorado has a 14 thousand foot mountain range very close that would be an ideal site for the ne<sup>w</sup> concentric wind turbine that is being produced in Massachusetts! The largest turbine so far is only 50 in diameter instead of 320 and cost much less to install.

Some of you seem to think that a 20% increase really isn't so much but to me the increase with cost of Aspirin amounts to \$300.00. a year. Where do I get it. I'm 87 yrs old. My loyal wife is 80. Do I ask her to go to work at McDonald's ?

So I wish to ask you ---before you vote for the OK on this please read the History of the French Revolution. The request for a 20% increase is unfair and unjust.

Sincerely,

*Melvin S. Carlson*  
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Veteran of the Normandy landing June 6th, 1944. Survived three air attacks, three sub attacks, numerous shore battery attacks and 72 missions into enemy waters.

Two enclosures.