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From: Jim N Connie Eichinger

To: Johnson, Dustin (PUC)

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Subject: Proposed rate increase

Mr. Johnson,

Having had to miss most of your interview on KOTA radio [Thank You for taking your time to do that] on the 11th you may have covered these concerns that I have. First: We live in Black Hawk, SD and have experienced power outages at least twice a year although not always in the same neighborhood and they range from a few minutes to a couple of hours and these occur for no obvious reason such as being weather related so service should be included in this "over the top" rate increase. Secondly: When this newest BHP&L plant was in the early stages, and I stand to be corrected, was it not brought up that one of the reasons for building it was to use some of its production to supply some of the Western United States?

No reply to these questions/concerns is necessary but I did want to bring them up.

Thank You,
Jim Eichinger
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