

Jack,

Sorry for my slow response. Your email came in while I was traveling and got buried underneath some others. Again, I am sorry.

Jack, given that the Commission hasn't made a decision on this case, how can you tell "whose side [I] am on"? All I have done is try to explain the process that is laid out in state law and by court decisions over the years. I have not weighed in on the merits of the case at all. There is a three-week hearing scheduled for June and July to dive into the specifics on the rate case. It won't be until after that time that any of us will know what the truth is about the request by Black Hills Power. Until we know all of the facts, how can any of us (including you) have our minds made up?

As far as your vote, I am sorry to have lost your support. My job is not to be popular or to get re-elected. My job is to follow the law. The laws in place largely make sense and benefit the public interest, and so I am optimistic that once this process is completed you and I will be able to agree that the final rate is fair and reasonable.

Thanks,
Dusty

-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Idmen

Sent: Friday, April 23, 2010 5:13 PM

To: Johnson, Dustin (PUC)

Subject: BHP Rate Increase

Dusty

After reading and attending meetings I can tell whose side your on. You and your staff are definitely not on the side of hard working Black Hills residents. I and several residents will remember your decision at election time.

Sincerely
Jack