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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to Black Hills Power's proposed electricity rate increase. In these tough economic times, a \$18/month increase is absurd. It is the equivalent of doubling some customers' electricity bill every month. It's like kicking everyone while they're down. It's bad enough that consumers already get screwed by every other industry. Please, please, please do not let this happen!

Thank you for anything you can do.

Brett