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Comments: Before Black Hills Power is granted any rate increase, the PUC has got to start implementing restrictions on BHPs philanthropic giving of consumer's money. Last week, BHP donated \$195k to the United Way. BHP spends a large amount of money on television advertisements. It donates large sums of money to create or expandsports facilities. Does the PUC know how much BHP donates each year? It is a large sum of the consumer's money. This type of corporate giving should not be allowed by a company who is regulated by the PUC and whose revenues are derived from the consumer.