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Comments: I was shocked and disturbed to learn of the recent request for a large rate increase by Black Hills Power and Light. Without specific knowledge of the details of the request, I do not believe this request is warranted. I do not believe consumer use of power has increased to the extent BHP&L indicates. Significant investments have been made by Black Hills Corporation in the past year or so, expanding to Kansas and other states. Could this be the reason they are wanting more revenue? Their perhaps unwise investments in a poor economical time should not be bailed out by the consuming public. They have taken the liberty, on their own, to build a coal fired power plant which is the least environmental friendly method of power production. I believe wind energy and other more environmentally friendly methods of power production should be encouraged. By allowing a huge rate increase, we are condoning "dirty" power production. This new plant may also be used to sell power to locations out of the South Dakota, Wyoming coverage area. I do not feel any rate increase should be allowed, especially when we are all trying to tighten our belts economically. Black Hills Power and Light can tighted their belts too.