

October 4, 2009

SD Public Utilities Commission
Dusty Johnson, Chairman
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Mr. Johnson;

I am writing with concern over the requested rate increase by Black Hills Power & Light Company.

Black Hills Power & Light have already been granted a rate hike this year. Another rate hike will cause a hardship to many us that are located in the Black Hills Power & Light service area. Our Cities, Counties & Schools already struggle to meet budgets. Our businesses have already been hit with major increases in unemployment insurance and minimum wage increases. If BH Power and Light is granted this increase it will cost all South Dakota tax payers more for energy assistance, more for the goods and services we all need to survive, more in taxes because our Cities, Counties, Schools and the State of South Dakota will need more money to pay more in Utilities costs.

Black Hills Power & Light is requesting something that will place a great burden on to many people who simply cannot afford another increase in a product we have to have to live.

Please do not grant another rate hike to Black Hills Power & Light.

Sincerely,

Barbara Inman

Black Hawk, SD 57718

CC: Governor Mike Rounds
Senator Tim Johnson
Senator John Thune
Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin