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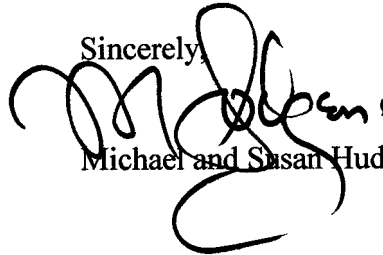
Dusty Johnson, Commissioner
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5007

Dear Sir:

We strongly object to the proposed rate increase of 26.6% by Black Hills Power.

The timing of this request—during a recession—reveals the arrogance of BHP senior management.

Sincerely,



Michael and Susan Hudgens