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Black Hawk SD 57718

SDPUC
500 E. Capitol Ave.
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Re: Black Hills Power Proposed Increase

Dear Sirs:

We believe your 26.6% increase is proposterous. We are the owners of a fairly new all electric home in the Black Hills. We have been adding Energy Star appliances to the home to make it more energy efficient, but still some months our bill gets to be around \$200 per month. We have three children all under the age of 3 years old and can not afford these extreme increases. My wife also has Juvenile Diabetes and with this means her circulation is not the best keeping the home warm is a necessity.

My wife is trying to finish her degree in Business Accounting so she understands the ins and outs of the debit and credit process in the books, but to impose an increase mainly to increase the wealth for your shareholders is not right. Companies make investments in bigger business ventures to get a return after a few years, not immediately. If an immediate increase is seen, this is not regular business behavior and something else must have happened that year to cause such an increase in sales.

The economy is getting better but much more work is needed at this time to recoup the losses that businesses have gained. We really wish that wind or solar energy was an option in our area or at least a more cost efficient option then what we have now, but with rising costs in other areas such as food and gas then an electricity increase is not needed or recommended.

You should send information within your monthly statements to Black Hills Power customers about the proposed increase so we, as customers understand it more because as it stands now we are not very happy about the increase and strongly urge you to vote against this measure.

Sincerely,

Michael Green

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