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From: charlotte Johnson

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 12:34 PM

To: Van Gerpen, Patty

Subject: The Proposed increase for the Black Hills Power

Dear Ms. Vangerpen:

Excuse me if I am writing to you in error, but was not sure who to contact about our opposition to the proposed increase for Black Hills Power of 26 million dollars. It is just too exorbitant!

My pension has not been able to give any increases in 10 years. My Social Security will not be giving me any increases for probably at least two years!

This increase for Black Hills Power will raise my electric bill every month and every business we do business with will raise there prices to cover their increases, so in effect we will be paying almost double.

Please don't allow this high of an increase in their cost of services. The general public simply cannot absorb it. We have all cut everywhere we can.

Thank you for listening to our pleas.

Sincerely,
James and Charlotte Johnson
Custer, SD