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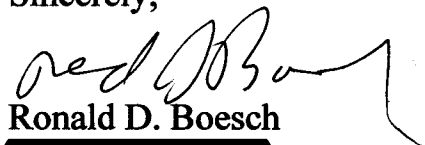
From: [REDACTED]
To: <puc@state.sd.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 7:06 PM
Subject: BHP Rate Increase

Newspaper articles discuss the difficulties that the requested rate increase would pose for Rapid City, Spearfish, and the Sanford Lab in Lead. I want you to know that it would also be unwelcome in this retired couple's home. We would not only have to pay the increase on our usage, but would have to pay through increased property taxes.

Black Hills Power spends "other people's money" foolishly. We cannot watch the news at night without seeing advertisements promoting Black Hills Power. Why?...we cannot buy electricity elsewhere! Black Hills Power paid for an exceedingly nice baseball field in Spearfish....again Why? In both of these instances, we customers have to cover the costs. I'm guessing these are just the tip of the iceberg.

Please make them amend their practices and thinking...no 26.6% increase.

Sincerely,



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