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Subject: Black Hills Power rate increase

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As a homeowner, I can not see how BHP can ask for a 26.6% rate increase when so many people in RC and the surrounding area are struggling just to pay for the basic needs. I had to take a reduction in pay at Regional Health and did not get a raise. With my income going down, I vigorously protest BHP's wanting to have such a large increase in income no matter how they spin it.

Thank you for listening to me and I hope you think long and hard about this matter as it will affect a great many people.

Sincerely,

Tyke Secrest Rapid City, SD 57701