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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Nov. 13, 2009

The Public Utilities Comm

500 East Capitol Ave.

Pierre, SD 55401

Gentlemen: RE 26.6 % increase in electrical power by Bl. Hills power and Light
I have been in four different types of business in the last 67 years. If we had
rates our rates in the percentage that this utility wants, we would not have had
any customers left to do business with. This rate increase is unfair, unjust and
would wreck havoc with many of the elderly and every charitable institution in the
entire Black Hills region. Please, please, please deny this.

Sincerely,

Melvin S. Carlson
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