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I am opposed to Black Hills Power (BHP) increasing rates. I am a consumer who has asked for a demand controller and have been declined because I do not have enough major appliances to get the special rate. I pay more for my electricity than my next door neighbor who has a demand controller which I think is very unfair.

I would like to see electricity "**Deregulated**" in South Dakota so we would have a choice of power companies. This could be done in the same fashion as the phones. North Dakota has plans for generators to be built but do not have the lines to sell it to markets with the demand for electricity.

If South Dakota did away with the monopoly that they provide Black Hill Power with other companies could enter the market and bring the price of electricity down. Companies in South Dakota need competition to keep them competitive and honest for consumers.

My past dealings with BHP has left me with a feeling of distrust towards them. I recommend that the South Dakota PUC deny a rate increase for BHP.

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