From: Harry L Maddux Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2009 11:23:44 AM To: PUC Subject: power rate Auto forwarded by a Rule

Please do not allow this increase to happen. I am on a fixed retirement income and any increase hurts .

This is a monopoly as they are like the only gas station within 1000 miles and can charge whatever they want -no competition. Is that fair???? Instead of raising they should be trying to figure out how to lower the bills with more efficiency plans. We have plenty of natural gas in SD, WY and Montana maybe we can use that to run the electric plants. What happen to hydro plants and Solar that our Government proposed?????. I think the government should give a 100% credit if you buy and use Solar in SD or wind energy and give these electric czars some completion.. I know they are proposing and increase but will negotiate down and they still will get a raise . Do not negotiate!!!!! with these companies. they know they won't get the 25% but will get something higher from you.

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