From: Bill Boylan Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2009 8:55:01 AM To: PUC Subject: BHP Rate Increase Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear Public Utility Commissioners,

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Please, please do not permit BHP to raise its rates at this time in our national, business, and private economics crises! My wife and I are retirees on a fixed income and have had to cut back in many areas of our personal expenditures the past year or so, including our electrical usage. A corporation can cut back more on corporate expenditures just as we have had to do privately.

We have many suggestions about how BHP could cut back even more than they've already done. Just one example: instead of purchasing new fleet vehicles for a few years, simply perform better, less costly, maintenance on existing vehicles. that alone could save hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Thank you for considering our request not to permit BHP to raise its rates.

Sincerely yours,

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