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Gentlemen,

I wish to express my opposition to BHP's proposed 26.6% rate increase. Such a dramatic increase is simply not justified, especially considering the recent downturn in the economy. It is simply not fair and reasonable to add such a large additional financial burden to those who are already struggling to make ends meet. Furthermore, the fact that BHP is proposing such a dramatic rate increase at this time indicates to me they've been asleep at the switch for some time regarding their financial situation. Customers should not have to pay for BHP's mismanagement. A much smaller rate increase should be considered instead.

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