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PUC Members,

I have read all the stories and listened to all the comments from both sides. I decided it was time to voice my opinion as well.

26.6% Increase is Outrageous!

Please take the time to review all the information carefully. We all understand the need to increase our resources, but at what cost? And why must it cost the residents of this region this much. Black Hills Corp, of which Black Hills Power is a subsidiary of, maybe should look at not buying so many other power facilities and put that money to better use within its own company (if upgrades or new facilities are needed.)

The general residential public only receives a 3% raise (if that) over a year. If BHP is allowed to raise their rates 26.6%, this will surely have the trickle down affect. Costs for general goods will rise, but the cost to keep the stores open will rise, due this large of a rate increase. If you think the economy is bad now, this will only have a negative affect for the residents in this region. Residents and businesses alike, will all have trouble paying this much of an increase and will surely place many into a hardship status.

Please, please take everyone into consideration with this vote. This affects so many people and the PUC is here to look out for us, the general public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
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