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From: Colleen Courtney

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**Subject:** Black Hills Power Auto forwarded by a Rule

## To whom it may concern:

The news of another rate increase is horrible! I am a single mom on a fixed income and have no means of paying more for electricity. Please, I beg of you to reconsider any rate increases. Certainly there must be an alternative or different option rather than making us pay more.

The average/low income homeowner can not afford any rate increase. That is me. Again, I protest this requested rate hike!

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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