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To: Gregg, Deb

Subject: Black Hills Power

Members of the PUC:

I am hoping that by writing this letter, you will consider this information and **not** allow BHP to raise their rates against the consumers.

BHP's top 6-8 people are nothing more than Enron all over again. When I was hired in 2006, the big selling point to me was that they never build a plant unless all the generation is already sold. WyGen III has been sitting idle for the last year and a half, possibly longer. And now Emery, Evans, Lux, Hagar and the rest want to pass off their egotistical mistake to all the customers.

Some people might call me a disgruntled employee, but I am not - just very aware of the corporate glut. Those very same fellows gave themselves, for the last 3 years anywhere from \$600,000 to \$1.4 million in bonuses - that is on top of their already enormous salaries! These figures are available online, since this Corporation is publicly traded. Information that was reported to us at our Monday morning meetings is: three years ago BHP **cleared** \$365,000,000 - yes, one million dollars a day - and 2 years ago it was \$408,000,000. And you know, as well as I, that these numbers are after their accountants watered everything down for tax reasons. Of course, none of those millions was offered to the average employee.

On August 31, 2012, the Ben French plant in Rapid City was closed. They offered us \$10,000 to walk away from the plant. Many of the employees had been with BHP for up to 30 years!

I thank you for your consideration in this matter

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