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Mr. Chris Nelson
PUC Commission
500 E. Capitol Building
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

February 28, 2013

Dear Mr. Nelson,

As we prepare for the upcoming budgetary process for the Meade School District, I would ask of you and the PUC to consider the significant financial impact of the proposed rate increase by BH Corporation. The Meade School District would see an estimated increase of \$50,000 for electricity alone.

If the legislature approves a 3% increase in the state funding formula, our district would receive an additional \$134 per student or \$346,000. The proposed rate increase by BH Corp. would consume 14.15% of this revenue. If this is approved, our district will have to make financial decisions that will ultimately affect staff and or related benefits.

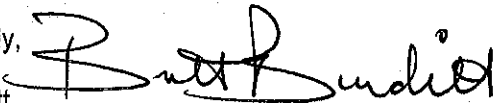
Mr. Nelson, I would urge to you consider the following alternative:

- 1) A proposed rate differential for educational entities that is more in line with our ongoing revenue formula. This is CPI or 3%, which- ever is less.
- 2) Reject the rate increase and suggest to BH Corporation to fund this proposed expansion through other financing sources.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request.

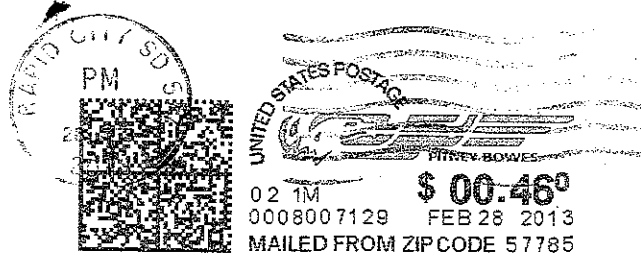
Respectfully,

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