From: Hanson, Gary (PUC)
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 9:37 AM
To: 'Karla Wickre'

Cc: Van Gerpen, Patty **Subject:** RE: Black Hills Power Rate Increase

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Karla,

Thank you for forwarding the letter from Mr. Sweet and Mr. Thimjon to me.

I have read their letter and to an extent their questions deserve a response at this time. However, because I will be ruling on this docket it is not appropriate for me to comment regarding the case. I will consider their questions and points during the hearing process. I have requested staff to provide a response to you regarding those items that they are able to respond to at this time.

SDCL 1-26-26 Ex Parte law requires that communications regarding open dockets must be revealed to all parties of the docket. Therefore a copy of your E to me and my response will be placed in the docket information.

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