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I have no problems with Black Hills power raising the rates, However I do have a problem if the following is the reason.

1. We are paying for a new Power Plant in another State{Colorado}
2. They need to increase their Stock prices and dividends { Greed}
3. Is it going to lower our cost for power in the future. -\$
4. Is it beneficial to all of South Dakota users including Industry. New and existing.
5. Are they going to use more green Energy to power the plants in the future or are they going to keep using Coal and begging for raises when they don't update their existing plants first.
6. We are going to or are we shipping our coal reserves to China. We should be using it here first before we ship one chunk to another Country.
7. We need to work with Wyoming and Montana on this issue.

We also sell ethanol to other countries , if we give subsidies to the SD ethanol plants shouldn't we be using it in the USA first before we ship to other countries???? Isn't that what the program is all about or am I misinformed. Corn is not the answer to this byproduct. Another Government hand out. It uses excess water and raises prices at the grocery store. Our farm industries can come come up with a better solution." Try Switch Grass'. it is been grown in Canada now.

What about all the Natural gas reserves , we could be using to power energy. Are we going to sell it to other countries? along with the auto gas , we want to ship to Texas to refine via of a pipe line. We need a plant in SD for this gas and ship by rail to other States. Why are we giving up this opportunity???)to the Southern States.

I think SD and ND should work together a solution on these Natural Resources and cash in to lower taxes and fuel cost to the consumer of SD and this Nation.

This Country needs Industry and we have the solution here in the open spaces and we need the jobs so the young people will stay in South Dakota. We are getting bypassed by Washington's political agenda for other States. We should be fighting for a new refinery in Western South Dakota. Maybe more. One In the West one in the North and one in the East. We need to be exploring for Natural gas in the Bad lands and if we find any, a plant in the south.

We also need other Power Companies in SD to give the existing ones competition.

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