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Subject: BHP

I see once again BHP is asking for a rate increase to pay for the October blizzard and another to close coal fired plants. A few years ago when they asked for the increase to build the plant in Wyoming I wrote and asked why we were going to pay for a new coal fired plant when 19 plants around the country had all ready been forced to switch to natural gas. I never got an answer. Then I pointed out that a rate increase is permanent so once they have collected enough to pay for the new plant they will continue to collect the increase for ever. Now they want an increase to pay for the blizzard. Is this a permanent increase or temporary? Will people living in the Black Hills a hundred years from now still be paying for the blizzard of 2013.

I realize that cost do rise and rate increases have to keep up but temporary expenses like building a new plant or paying for storm damage should be covered with temporary increases. I don't think we want or expect our grandchildren to pay for a storm in 2103.