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I appreciate your concern regarding the Black Hills Power rate case that is currently open before the commission. Since I will be making a decision on this docket, EL14-026, I must make ex parte communications such as your message to me available in the docket for all parties to the case as well as other interested individuals to read. However, your name and the one you reference will be redacted in the public version of your message and my response. The commission does not have statutory authority over insider trading. If you believe you have information regarding illegal activity of this nature, please contact the South Dakota Division of Securities: phone (605) 773-4823; email Securities@state.sd.us; and web site <http://dlr.sd.gov/securities/default.aspx>

Your email and my response will be posted in the commission's BHP rate case docket under Comments and Responses. Here is a link to the docket page: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2014/EL14-026.aspx> and here is a link to information explaining the commission's processing of rate cases which may be helpful: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/electricratecasehandout.pdf>

Thank you for contacting the commission.

Gary Hanson, Chairperson
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