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SD Public Utilities Commission  
Pierre, SD

I, as a customer of Otter Tail Power Co., am writing in regard to their proposed rate increase.

I know that costs go up, but on our monthly bills, in addition to the regular rates for kwh usage, they have been collecting an Energy Adjustment charge, which amounts to about a 10% increase. If their increases are approved, are they going to discontinue this extra charge?

Secondly, we have electric heat and at the present time, as you use more Kilowatts, the rate per Kilowatt goes down. If you give them approval to discontinue this, it is really going to hurt many of us that are living on a fixed income (social security), that we probably won't be able to stay in our own homes.

I hope you do not allow their proposed plan, especially the second part that I have written about. Maybe they have to tighten their belt, so to speak, like all of us have had to do to get through these tough times.

Thanking you,

Jerry D. Solem

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