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Please stop the rate increase from Black Hills Power – I can't afford anymore – they have raised my rates 5 times in nine years, I'm hurting back here – I didn't get that many pay raises in the time. I'm a widow, work 2 jobs (about 60 hours a week) and I still am having problems making ends meet and they are not helping me with all their increases. They need to find a different fuel source that doesn't require my bill going up constantly – I pay \$225 every month and still owe them more in August – it's insane – I live alone and I'm not home very much! I would prefer to have clean, local energy production, and a long-term policy that helps South Dakota become more energy independent vs. the costly fossil fuel that are increasing every year. Please help the consumers out and help us get more affordable rates so we don't have to lose our houses and roofs over our heads.

Thank you so very much,

Susan McCormick  
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