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As/per the quoted paragraph from the SD PUC website; SD PUC information, i am sending my comments on the proposed BH Power rate increase to state my opposition to:

1) any further BH Power rate increase.

2) BH Power refusal to allow Net Metering for small residential customers who need to reduce their monthly electric bill and do believe in community distribution of locally produced energy.

•"Submit comments. Members of the public are encouraged to relay written comments or questions about a rate case to the PUC. These informal public comments are filed in the docket and reviewed and considered by the PUC commissioners and staff. Public comments should include the docket number or name of the company proposing the rate increase, commenter's full name and mailing address as well as e-mail address and phone number, if available. These comments should be sent to [puc@state.sd.us](mailto:puc@state.sd.us) or PUC, 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501. "

BH Power presently charges residential customers about \$.03/KWH "cost adjustment summary" plus the "advertised" charge of \$.079>.107/KWH for electric usage. The total of \$0.1089 to \$13.71 is CONSIDERABLE higher than next door neighbor Wyoming BH Power rates at \$0.0830 to \$.0805. Any further rate increase will be a economic hardship for thousands of middle class working families and fixed income retired folks.

\$ Figures from <http://www.blackhillspower.com/rates>

BH Power contends that the small cost to implement Net Metering and sustain local energy production thru wind and solar residential systems would not be economically feasible yet they spend MILLIONS of their patrons dollars to build a distant natural gas power plant PLUS a new land acquisition and power line construction project. What is wrong with this picture? South Dakota is one of only 4 states that oppose net metering, no surprise with the attitude of MANY SD state and federal legislators who push continued use of coal for energy use, legislate against scientific facts, and deny any need for correction or concern about our changing environment and climate.

Thank you in advance for considering and logging my comments.

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