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Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capital Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

I am concerned about the recent electrical rate increase granted to Black Hills Power (BHP).

My energy charge was \$0.0667/KWh before the increase. It is now \$0.07877/KWh. This is an outrageous increase of 18%. I have had the math verified by a professional engineer. This increase is 4 times the average rate increase of 4.4% granted to BHP by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Why did the PUC allow BHP to increase some residential rates by 18%? If some rates are increased by 18%, what portion of BHP customers had no increase or a small increase?

It appears the residential customers are bearing a large portion of the rate increase which is wrong.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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