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To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Approve Black Hills Power rate increase

Commissioner

Chair Hanson and Commissioners:

I like knowing I will have reliable power not only now but in the future. Black Hills Power is meeting the standards set forth by government regulators for the utility companies. They may even exceed them. If this means I must pay more then that is the way it is. I like having good food on my table so I pay the price at the store. So it is with utilities. The utility companies are expected, no mandated, to provide reliable power to all of their customers. They cannot do that without investing in new technologies and more efficient and effective fuel sources. I don't expect them to fo that without passing some of those costs back to the consumers. Just like our groceries.

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