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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Hood:

Thank you for your message regarding Black Hills Power's electric rate case request currently being processed by the commission. I have no desire to allow increased costs for electricity for any South Dakotan, and I am certain my fellow commissioners feel likewise. However, the commission has the legal authority to investigate investor-owned electric utility requested rate increase applications filed in South Dakota. This process is to determine a just and reasonable rate to allow for safe, reliable electric service to that utility's customers. Your message indicates that you understand that obligation.

Since you appear interested in the work of the commission, I encourage you to follow along as the case is processed by visiting the online docket, EL14-026: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2014/EL14-026.aspx> The testimony accompanying BHP's application provides the utility's justification for this rate increase request. My fellow commissioners and I have yet to rule on this docket, but that decision will be added to the docket once determined.

Additionally, because this is an open docket before the commission, your message and my response will be posted in the docket.

I very much appreciate your comments.

Gary Hanson, Chairperson
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