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MR. HANSON

RE:"BLACK HILLS POWER RATE INCREASE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 6/16/14, IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN THE UTILITY COMM. PART IN THIS ISSUE.

BY THAT I MEAN "BASED ON AN AUTHORIZED RATE OF RETURN".THIS I UNDERSTAND-"AUTHORIZED". YOU GO ON TO SAY "RATES ARE SET ON A RATE OF RETURN THAT IS IN TURN BASED ON UTILITY DEBT AND EQUITY MARKET RATES JUSTIFIED BY CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS." AND THEN YOU STATE THE "TAKINGS CLAUSE".

EVERY BODY WATCHING THE MARKET AND STOCKHOLDERS COMMENTS REALIZE THAT BHP IS THE MOST PROFITABLE UTILITIES TO INVEST IN. IN CONTRADICTION YOU STATE "TO SET RATES BASED ON DEBT AND EQUITY VALUES THAT ARE NOT WITHIN THE CURRECT RANGE OF MARKET RATES FOR UTILITY DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES." SO, BHP BEING KNOWN AS A VERY GOOD INVESTMENT MUST HAVE VERY FINE EQUITY SECURITIES.

I ASK YOU TO REMEMBER, THE PEOPLE OF SD PAY YOUR SALARY-(I BELIEB**¥**) -NOT BHP. YOU OWE IT TO US TO "WATCH OUT FOR US"...

I WOULD BE VWERY INTERESTED IN SEEING YOUR FORMULA FOR DETERMINING RATES.

THANK YOU. RESPECTFULLY. Um.