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Enough is enough on the rate increases for Black Hills Power. Why should we as consumers have to absorb costs due to inefficient maintaining of power lines in the Black Hills National Forest? If they can't maintain transmission lines in the forest they should have insurance to cover the losses that happen due to their negligence. Also, costs due to storms are ours to pay for too? A 25 % total increase in cost since 2008? How have the salaries of high end management of BHP increased since 2008? I think this should be looked into!

My last jump in my bill amounted to a 20 dollar increase. I had no idea it was coming and when I asked at the local office they offered no reason as to why. I am tired of being held hostage by my power company.

## Robert C. Koski