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Thank you for your response , as a senior on a fixed income I would die first before I could justify the long term cost of solar. I am upset over the idea that BHP can go up on their rate over a snow storm. A business owner plans ahead and has an emergency fund to get thru the unexpected costs. It looks like BHP did not plan ahead and got caught with a major snow crises so they put the burden on the home owners who has other costs associated with this storm to absorb. It also looks like the Utility companies come into you with a high rate increase and know they will get what they want thru negotiations. Is this a Game?? If they came to you with a reasonable increase in the first place maybe we the consumers would not complain on the increase. Maybe they need a controller who knows how to write a logical budget. One other thing it look's like the power companies are going to fire their plants with gas vs coal. It looks to me that if BHP goes up on their rate that MDU should go down as they would be selling more gas to the power companies and making more profit. The coal they are not going to use is probably going to China and the Government makes money on this so its not like the coal companies are going out of business and they still need some electric power.. I am glad we have you guys to keep them on their toes and not gouge the consumer. Keep up the good work.