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To: Gary Hanson

ReplyTo: [REDACTED]

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Sent: Jan 14, 2015 7:59 PM

Chair

Chair Hanson and Commissioners Nelson and Fiegen:

I strongly oppose the rate increase by Black Hills Power, and I urge you to deny their request. It is not in the public interest of South Dakota or the people of the Black Hills.

Black Hills Power should be investing in renewable energy and creating a more stable future for South Dakota's citizens and rate payers as well as preserving the environment especially the beautiful Black Hills. The company knew coal was going to get more expensive, and now they're risking our future by investing in natural gas, another finite fossil fuel subject to price increases and further regulation, as well as eventual depletion. Any rate increase should include a requirement to develop more renewable energy sources.

Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Connie Mogen
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