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From: Kelly Moore [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, December 20, 2014 11:31 PM

To: Fiegen, Kristie

Subject: Reject the Black Hills Power rate request

Commissioner

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's interest and it is not good for South Dakota. Black Hills Power has raised our rates four times in the last six years, each time they say an increase is needed because they are investing in fossil fuels that are subject to the world demand. At the same time they are neglecting renewables that are getting cheaper and will go a long ways in the way of stabilizing the cost of electricity for the future. We can no longer support old outdated concepts like fossil fuels to provide our energy needs. Every 105 minutes the sun shines enough solar energy on the State of South Dakota to meet our usage for an entire month. With Solar, it is always free, it will never spill and leak into and contaminate our aquifer. I know solar isn't the answer to all our energy needs but could go along ways in reducing our reliance on carbon producing energies.

Please deny Black Hills Power's rate increase request.

Kelly Moore
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