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Subject: Comments on Black Hills POWER rate increase

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I appose unjustified Power rate increases.

The PUC should appose BH Power refusal to allow Net Metering for small residential customers who need to reduce their monthly electric bill and do believe in community distribution of locally produced energy.

As long as there is a conflict of interest, the PUC will always support higher electric rates, NO net metering, and only fake support for energy conservation.

That conflict of interest is the sales tax revenues collected from every consumer of centrally produced electric power.

That sales tax revenue funds the PUC budget and pays your salaries. The PUC will never bite the hand that feeds it. Not to mention the lobby money/perks that gets sent your way and to the South Dakota legislators.

Take that sales tax out of the equation and maybe there would be different results.

I request that my comments be entered and logged into the PUC records and seriously considered. If you disagree with my observation, please tell me why.

