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I do object to the Black Hill Power and Light rate increase. In reading their material they state "Careful analysis of the long-term costs associated with retrofitting the three plants to comply with the new EPA standards make it clear that replacing them with a new, natural gas-fired generating station is less expensive for our customers," said Vance Crocker, vice president of operations for Black Hills Power." If the new plant is less expensive for our customers than why are they raising our rates! If less expensive the rates should go down or at the very least stay the same.

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