
From: Nelson, Chris
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 01:32 PM
To: 'Mark Scharn' [REDACTED]
Cc: Van Gerpen, Patty
Subject: RE: BHP Rate Hike

Mark,

BHP's net income for the test year (basis for this rate case) which ended September 30, 2013 was \$27,690,317. Their rate base for that year was \$419,344,687 so their investment provided a 6.6% return. By law the utility must be allowed an opportunity to earn a profit to return to their shareholders. Significant investment is being made into infrastructure as evidenced by nearly \$28 million in depreciation on infrastructure during the test year.

Sincerely,
Chris