From: PUC Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 11:01 AM To: Subject: BHP Rate Case, EL14-026

Ms. Ward:

Thank you for your comment. It will be added to the Black Hills Power rate case docket, <u>http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2014/EL14-026.aspx</u>, along with this response. Because commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open docket must take place in an open, public forum. By placing your comments in the docket file, other commissioners and interested parties will have access to your comments for consideration.

Here is a document which explains the processing of electric utility rate case requests which may be helpful to you. It references the South Dakota Codified Laws governing utilities and the commission regarding electric rate requests: <u>http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/electricratecasehandout.pdf</u>

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