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Subject: [EXT] Comments for EL21-011

To the Commissioners of the SD PUC,

In regard to EL21-011, I have recently become aware that Black Hills Energy is applying to actually charge ratepayers who have home generation systems, such as rooftop solar, for the power they generate and sell it back to them. Not only does South Dakota not yet have net metering, but BHE is actually proposing that people who generate their own power do not get to keep their own power? These people have installed these systems, which cost thousands of dollars, and BHE somehow proposes that they, the utility, owns this power? This certainly seems to be a takings.

BHE does not own the sun or wind, and people should have the freedom to generate their own power should they so choose. The complaint that home generators somehow do not pay their fair share is ludicrous; everyone pays their monthly fee to be connected to the grid. Plus, when these home generation systems are not generating, these customers are paying the same retail rate for power as everyone else.

Make no mistake, this application of theirs is not about fairness but is rather about profits and shareholder dividends. I urge you not to approve this application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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