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Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 5:31 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] EL21-011 BH Energy Cogeneration Tariff

To whom it may concern,

I am against adoption of the application by Black Hills Energy to amend its cogeneration and small power production service tariff. South Dakota is among the worst states in the nation for encouraging solar energy generation. We rank either 49 or 50 in nearly every indicator related to solar incentives and production. The last thing we need is to further discourage solar energy production in our state.

Last month I paid 12.3 cents per kWh not including taxes or the customer charge. As I read this application, BHE currently reimburses customers at a rate of 2.5 cents per kWh for excess solar energy produced. I'm pretty sure 2.5 cents per kWh is less than BHE can purchase power wholesale. Why are we not encouraging solar power generation if it's cheaper than wholesale prices?

I would like to add solar to my home, but the current regulatory climate does not make it financially feasible. Please vote to reject this application by BHE. I would also encourage the PUC to adopt solar friendly practices. I hate to see our great state last in the nation. We can do better!

Regards,
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