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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: Fwd: [EXT] Stop the Stupidity BHE Renewable Energy Destruction. ACTION: Today

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Dear Mary,

If this goes through, this will create a big mess for those of us that believe in clean residential power production and will destroy future sales of clean residential power systems. This new rule would require people like me to sell all my power produced to the utility company at a low rate and then require me to purchase it back at a high rate. I would not be allowed to use my own produced power without the added cost. This is extortion. I did not purchase my system for the benefit of the power company, I purchased it for the benefit of the global environment. If this happens, I will go off grid completely by increasing storage capacity and incorporating a propane emergency generator and then tell them to go to "hell" and then waste my excess power capability. Clean energy companies like

[GenPro Energy Solutions](#) and Solar City

will be destroyed by this...big corporations stepping all over the smaller guy. Mind you, if BHE gets away with this, BHEC and all other power companies will quickly follow. If we have any hope of saving this planet, we must stop crap like this. Remember, the oil companies hold on government, now the utility companies are trying to do the same. Mary, please give-out the following email address: "PUC@state.sd.us" (The Utility Commission) and begin flooding them with emails protesting this!! Remember, the Utility Commission should be working for the citizens of our state!!! Could you please push this to the state Democratic Party!!! This must be stopped for the future of our planet and our grandchildren!! The utility company should not be allow to own my system, that I paid for!!! Anyway, they already make money on my system by the excess power that I sell them cheap, that they make a profit on by selling it to you!! I am already a clean power producer. I just want to use my own power for myself first without them trying to control that portion of my power. In a years time, I already sell them 2 to 3 times the power that I use myself. To me, that is a great deal for them. But the GREEDY bastards want it all!!!

On the image below, you will see my power production for yesterday(April 28th)..., usage and the left-over amount that is sold to Black Hills Electric Cooperative. The top red line is total generated from my panels. The orange line the amount of power used in my house. The difference is what I send to the power company for 2.3 cents a kwh hour. They in turn sell it to you at 6.9 cents. The difference is their profit. Now they want me to sell them all my power at 2.3 cents and I must then buy it back to 6.9 cents...all of it... if BHE has their way. I am sure BHEC will jump on the bandwagon if they get the chance. If you go below the middle straight line, you will see the blue line, that represents the total I sell BHEC. The Green Line below is the power I put into my batteries. The blue line above the line is the amount I purchase from the power company. The green line above is the amount I draw down from the batteries. If the power company has it's way, the blue line above will match total power production instead of the 4 hours I am currently purchasing. Hope this makes sense. In the summer time, I purchase zero power from the power company, or about 5 to 6, sometimes 7 months of the year I purchase no electricity, only sell it to them at a cheap rate. On an annual basis, I produce enough electricity to power two other average sized homes. The winter time, not so much!! See how I am helping to reduce the CO2 emissions!! If most of us did this, think of the savings to the atmosphere!!! This is what the power companies fear!! They don't care about the environment!! They only care about GREED!!!

If the power company wanted to be better citizens, they would support those of us that are trying to do the right thing for the environment and the world. They could jump in and make leasing arrangements with people who want to help the world and control their own energy footprint. That would be a money making enterprise for them and could cut down the need for expensive fossil generation production. They could also convert their coal and gas production sites to solar and wind sites. It is cost effective to do so...but they want to punish us for wanting to be good citizens to the world and the environment. With the new stimulus/jobs bill that President Biden is trying to push forward, that would possibly help for them to convert. Instead of punishing us, they need to use their corporate influence to help us and themselves. It would be an exceptionally good business practice. The economics are there.

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