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Dick Merklin

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Dear Mr. Merklin,

Thank you for your letter regarding the EL21-011 docket filed by Black Hills Energy. Your letter and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket, along with my response.

As a commissioner, I will be voting on the resolution of this docket. In order to avoid unlawful ex parte communication, my fellow commissioners and I cannot discuss the specifics with you outside of a noticed, public meeting.

You will want to follow along as new filings are added and this docket is processed. You can access the docket via the commission's website at PUC.sd.gov by clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2021 Electric Dockets, and scrolling down to EL21-011. Enclosed is an Information Guide posted in the docket that may be helpful in explaining the commission's processing of dockets such as this.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson