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Hello,

I oppose the proposal by Black Hills Energy to essentially raise rates on home solar.

This proposal squarely puts South Dakota behind the rest of the developed world. Much of the planet is developing and subsidizing decentralized energy systems and smart grids.

If we want to remain competitive in the global marketplace, we need to encourage more solar on homes, commercial buildings, and on farms and ranches - not less.

New battery and energy storage systems are revolutionizing the potential of wind and solar as viable alternatives to the status quo. We need policy that keeps up with the technology, not moves backwards.

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