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To Whom it may Concern,

Concerning Black Hills Power's request to charge customers for solar power that the customer generates, I would encourage you as commissioners to deny that rate increase. As utility costs increase, the smart way forward for South Dakota is to diversify and to encourage further diversification of energy sources. The electric grid needs improvements to continue to function and small scale power generation should be encouraged not hindered. This is for the public's good and as commissioners you should act for the good of South Dakotans' future, not to protect the power of one company that monopolizes the energy sector and leaves its customers little choice but to pay for that rate increase. This is punitive action to deliberately hurt those that are trying to be proactive toward using more sustainable forms of energy. Regarding Black Hills Energy representative's Eyres comments that the utility needs this rate increase to keep up with the cost of infrastructure, the customer would already be paying for the cost of maintaining that infrastructure through quite costly utility hook up fees. This discourages solar power generation in South Dakota and will hurt businesses in the long run. Solar will be a part of America's future and I fear South Dakota would be missing out on that if this rate increase is approved. Though my mailing address is Onida, I am directly affected by the proposed rate increase as my husband and I are relocating to the Hills area and produce a little solar power for our own use via solar panels. We would like to generate both wind and solar for our future house but policies such as the rate increase proposed would seriously hinder that.

Thank you for your consideration,

My name and address are below.

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