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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to ask that you deny the Application to Amend It's Cogeneration and Small Power Production Service Tariff, filed by Black Hills Energy which is on the Docket for your April 29, 2021, meeting. As an "early adopter" I installed a small photovoltaic system (Qualifying Facility) at my home and barn a few years ago. At that time Black Hills Power was quite encouraging and we elected to stay "on the grid" and continue to support Black Hills Power. They described a very forward thinking attitude toward clean energy and self generation. Over the last couple years that attitude has changed. Now, with the above mentioned amendment, they will strongly discourage consumers and independent small businesses from developing alternative systems. I believe this is a giant step backwards for our community and for our nation in becoming more energy independent. Hopefully the Commission will see this application for what it is: a way for a large corporation to run rough shod over the smaller competition and consumers. I have lived and worked in Rapid City practically my whole life and constantly look for ways to make our community better. BHP&L always had that same attitude and I respected them. Now, not so much! Apparently my system would be "Grandfathered" in until 2041, so this does not affect me economically, but the long term effects of discouraging the use of natural energy production would be felt in the future for my children and grandchildren. Again, I urge you to deny this Application!

Respectfully,

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