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Hello All ~

Who's SUN is it?

This is the question that occurs to me when I learned of Black Hills Energy's intentions in docket EL21-011, Amend Cogeneration and Small Power Productive Services Tariff.

I am VERY appreciative of Black Hills Energy as they work to diversify the sources where they get energy. But I think this tariff is overstepping their bounds onto our freedom of choice. I am writing to voice my opposition to this tariff. Let's not hinder the choices and options for solar and renewable energy! We need to encourage this, not squelch it. Foremost, one entity should not have all the control of energy.

In our home, we are customers of Black Hills Electric Cooperative. Our two locations of business in Rapid City are customers of Black Hills Energy. I am considering solar options for all of these buildings we own.

We MUST get more green and use the renewable energy resources that we have! Enacting this tariff is not right. It will kill the existing solar panel businesses. I believe the builders of homes, schools, and businesses should have the option for solar and renewable resources. Let's work smarter please, not harder. Let's drag this state into this century and start using the renewable resources available!

I have lived in the Black Hills since 1995 and love its beauty. I am a 50 year old wife, mother of two, business owner, lover of freedom and choices. I am a recently-joined member of the Rapid City Sustainability Committee and am doing what I can to respect and care for our Earth.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
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