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**Subject:** [EXT] URI electricity charges

I am a captive BH Energy customer in Spearfish who owns a home, an office building and I won't get into the assisted living facility I am an owner of who dwarfs the numbers below by about 500%

BH Energy was allowed to add 15.7% to my energy charge on my house bill and 14.6% to my energy charge to my office bill for winter storm Uri in July, and that all of us captive customers are paying that much extra for the next 12 months apparently...

Below is what I found on BHE website regarding the extra charges..... apparently we're (South Dakota residents) the only ones who pay for the Texas/Arkansas screw-up over 12 months, everyone else pays over 3-5 years.. .why do we get to pay them so fast?

And, why do Colorado residents get to pay so much less than we do? My extra charges were \$18.68 at the house for the month and \$19.52 at the office.... Those rates would equate to \$458 over a year.... 5 times that just for our assisted living facility.

Looks like BHE is requesting Colorado residents pay just \$3.83/month for 2 years... which is a third of what it appears I'll be paying as a South Dakota resident... why should I pay triple a CO residential customer?

Below are what is on BHE's website and when I ask them these questions, they just tell me it was OK'd by SD PUC..... so I ask the same of you, it appears there's much different and preferred negotiated rates going on in other states

**South Dakota** customers will notice a change to their bill beginning in June 2021. With the approval from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC), the electric costs associated with the cold weather event of February 2021 will appear as an additional line-item on South Dakota customers' bills. At the request of Black Hills Energy, in efforts to lessen the financial impact on our customers, the recovery of these costs will **span over the next 12 months**.

In **Wyoming**, we have filed an application with the Wyoming Public Service Commission for the recovery of the costs related to February's natural gas price increase. In that application, **we have proposed a recovery over a three year timespan**. This filing at the Wyoming Commission is Docket No. 30026-45-GM-21 (Record No. 15786).

We've been working closely with the **Nebraska** Public Service Commission (PSC) to determine the best path forward in managing the long-term impact of February's natural gas price increase for our customers. Beginning in July 2021, select Nebraska customers will notice a change to their bill. As approved by the PSC, the natural gas

costs incurred during the polar vortex period will appear as an additional line item on residential and commercial customer bills. **At our request, the recovery of these natural gas costs will span the next three years.** This does not impact Nebraska customers who participate in the Choice Gas program or opted into the 2021-2022 Annual Price Option program.

Iowa customers will notice a change to their bill beginning in April 2021. With **approval from the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB)**, the natural gas costs incurred during the polar vortex period will appear as an additional line item on Iowa customer bills. At the request of Black Hills Energy, the **recovery of these natural gas costs will span for the next three years.** We'll continue to work with the IUB on this matter and will share updated information as it becomes available.

Arkansas customers will notice a change to their bill beginning in June 2021. Subject to approval from the Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC), the natural gas costs incurred during the polar vortex period will appear as an additional line-item on Arkansas customer bills. At the **request of Black Hills Energy, the recovery of these natural gas costs will span over the next five years.** We'll continue to work with the APSC on this matter and updated information will be provided as it occurs

We recently filed applications with the **Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)** and outlined several recovery scenarios. CPUC will now evaluate our applications and issue decisions on how and when we'll recover costs essential to delivering reliable service.

**Recommended scenario to recover costs from Colorado Electric customers**

<b>RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS</b>	\$3
<b>SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS</b>	\$

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