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Subject: [EXT] Winter Storm URI Charge

Docket # EL21-002

Black Hills Energy

I am a customer of Black Hills Energy and do not feel the customers should have to pay the Winter Storm URI charge for the next 12 months. My home is heated by gas and not electric. I have already paid an increase in gas charges during the cold weather in February 2021. I should not have to pay extra for electric above what I already paid for in February. I was told by Black Hill Energy customer service that all households share the cost for that time period. However this does not take into account that some households conserved on electricity and others did not. Why should everyone pay to cover those who used more energy or who have electric heat? My additional cost over the next 12 months will be over \$120. There is no way we used an extra \$120 worth of electricity during the 2-3 days that were colder. I am asking that Black Hills Energy not be allowed to charge customers for energy that we did not use as this would set a precedent for other utility companies to overcharge customers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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