

**From:** Anne Apodaca [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2026 9:08 PM  
**To:** PUC-PUC <[PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us)>  
**Subject:** [EXT] EL26-003 and EL 26-0024

To whom It may Concern:

I would like to voice my distaste of Black Hills Energy's proposal to raise rates and phase in increases. Our electric bills are already very high. Not to speak of our property taxes which are making South Dakota almost unlivable to normal middle class people who make too much money for assistance but too little to afford this increase. To ask us to fund infrastructure for this company that is showing strong profits is just not right. I am on a fixed income which does not increase anywhere near 45% and my ability to afford this increase is minimal. If this happens I will have to cut elsewhere. Food, medication, or some other essential. We just can't handle this increase. I don't know very many people that can.

Please do not let this rate increase happen. This company obviously does not need this increase. Its customers will be incredibly hurt by such an increase.

Thank you very much.

Anne Apodaca  
[REDACTED]  
Custer, SD 57730