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From: Amanda Loy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 7:10 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Filing of Richard Bell

Docket # EL26-003

My name is Amanda Loy. I am a customer of Black Hills Energy at [REDACTED], Vale SD 57788.
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I am writing in regards to the proposed rate increase of Black Hills Energy. They have been my energy provider since 2011. They have been my only option in this area. My energy has increased several times over the years through new fees that they have implemented. I hear they are proposing a 25% increase. This is not something that our family can not afford. About a year and a half ago all of our bills doubled except for our water bill. Right now we pay 459 a month to Black Hills Energy and at certain parts of the year we pay more because of budget billing so we'll be looking at paying closer to 600 soon. If they do this 25% rate increase it's gonna bring us up to almost 600 a month for the majority of the year and then even higher when our rates increases due to the budget bill leveling. One of the new fees that they included on our bill is cost to deliver to our address. They are charging us anywhere from \$150-\$250 a month to deliver our electric to our house. We would like to be included in the Richard Bell Filing. We are against this rate increase and thinks it's unfair to us. This company is one of the richest businesses in the Wyoming and South Dakota area. They do not need to do this to us. Thank you for your time.
Sent from my iPhone