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Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 1:35 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Objection to Black Hills Energy rate increase docket EL26-003

Dear PUC,

I am writing to formally complain about the proposed increases to my utility bill in Rapid City, S.D.

An average customer will see an increase in their utility bill by 25.4% resulting in an increase in BH energy annual revenue to an additional \$50 million in profits. This is an excessive increase with no explanation from BH energy regarding the need for the increase. Residents in S.D. are struggling to make ends meet. These increased rates will put further stress on them.

I request that you deny BH energy's proposed rate increases. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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