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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Electrical Rate increase from Black Hill Energy

To PUC Board

I am writing about the increase proposed by Black Hills Energy for a property I have at 11071 Hem Fir Ln, Lead, SD. The last month I saw a major increase in rate from Black Hills Energy. The demand rate went from \$7.80 / KW to \$12.00 / KW (53% increase). The Energy charge rate went from \$0.0208 to \$0.02948 (41.7% increase) The Energy supply rate went from \$0.047 to \$0.056 / KW (20% increase). The bill doesn't show a rate for the Energy supply rate, so I calculated it from dollars charged /Energy used. The overall bill went from averaging around \$.14 / KW to \$.27 / KW including the demand, Energy charge rate, and Energy supply rate.

I have properties in SD, MN, and FL with the MN property averaging \$0.11 in the winter to \$.13 in the summer. The FL property averages around \$0.21 / KW.

I fully understand they need increases to keep service to us but those kind of increases at one time seem unreasonable.

I urge you to review their proposed increase and not allow that large of an increase at one time.

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