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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Opposition to Docket EL26-003 for SD Utility Services and EL26-024 Amendment

Hello,

We were shocked to see that there is a proposal in front of you that would raise utility prices in our Black Hills region by an estimated 45%!

Utility prices are already high and many of us struggle to pay them as they are. We understand that increases are unfortunately a normal part of life these days, however, this amount of an increase for a necessity like utilities in a region where Black Hills Energy has a monopoly cannot stand. Please question BLE on why their costs can't be absorbed in a different manner than an abrupt increase to residential customers. Please reject their request.

Sincerely,
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