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Subject: [EXT] Black Hills Energy's request to increase its rates (Docket EL26-003 for SD Utility Services) and also to amend its phase-in plan rate (Docket EL26-024)

To whom it may concern:

In regards to docket EL26-003 and docket EL26-024

As a South Dakota resident in the Black Hills I request that you reject the 45% increase in utilities for this region. Please require BHE to demonstrate why they can't absorb the cost costs rather than passing them on to the hard-working Black Hills residents. Many of us have seasonal businesses and seasonal jobs and we are struggling to make ends meet as it is.

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