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Black Hills Power, Inc.
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Hello,

I am writing to formally raise a concern with regards to the 25% rate increase proposal from BH Power (Docket #EL26-003). That rate is a significant increase which is unwarranted. If they plan to make rate increases, it should have a guideline similar to the rate of inflation. Transparency regarding this rate increase is very important to customers like myself who plan monthly expenses carefully. It does seem ironic that after the new data center was approved for construction that this announcement would come out. The data center will consume a significant amount of power. These "critical" upgrades are helping generate and sustain the power for this data center. They (data center) should have to pay for the upgrades and not put the burden on the lower-class consumers who are constantly fighting cost increases in all aspects (groceries, taxes, health care, insurance, etc.).

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,
Chase Luikens