

From: PUC
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 8:11 AM
To: Carly Wescott [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXT] ID. EL-26-024

Ms. Wescott:

The SDPUC received your comments related to docket [EL26-024](#) - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Approval to Amend its Phase In Plan Rate. Black Hills Energy submitted this request to the PUC on August 5, 2026. The proposal is currently undergoing a thorough review by commission staff analysts and a staff attorney to determine if the project is prudent and the proposed rate just and reasonable. Additionally, the Commission is still conducting a review and investigation of Black Hills Energy's request to increase its rates in [docket EL26-003](#). In this docket, Commission staff is conducting a significant in-depth investigation of Black Hills Energy's cost of service and charges to customers to ensure the end rate is just and reasonable.

In each docket, Commission staff will engage in discovery, asking questions and requesting supporting documentation from Black Hills Energy's staff regarding the petition and the items Black Hills Energy requests to recover. Once staff's analysis is complete, it will be presented to the Commission via the docket and be heard by the Commissioners at a public, noticed meeting or hearing. The three commissioners will vote on whether to grant the request during that meeting or hearing.

Your message and this response will be filed under Comments and Responses in the EL26-024 and EL26-003 dockets. Given your interest, we encourage you to follow along as more information is received and posted in the dockets.

Chris Nelson, Chairman
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