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From: Deb [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2026 8:39 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] BHE Rate Increase

I am writing in regard to the proposed rate increase for Black Hills Energy, Docket #EL26-003

I am baffled that this increase would even be entertained.

One look at their financials, and any human would see this increase is all out of pure greed.

Please look at the financials. You can easily pull up a ten year history.

Every year for the past 10 years has had increases in profits for the company as well as share holders. The company is financially stable, without any warranted reason for an increase.

Not only do they have considerable increases in their yearly profits, their compensation packages for their officers are at staggering amounts:

The CEO has a yearly compensation package of \$5.79 million. The CFO at \$1.43 million, the senior vice president at \$1.43 million.

You have customers who can barely get by with their expenses, including food, fuel, daily living expenses. A 25% increase is absurd, egotistic, and unwarranted.

This company is already profitable, and requesting this greedy increase is infuriating.

I am asking that you please read into their financials, and decline this increase as it is unwarranted and baseless.

Thank you,
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