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The proposed 25% rate increase by Black Hills Energy
Is borderline ridiculous. It's too bad they have a monopoly around here or I'd switch to
Butte electric in a heartbeat. Is this how they are paying for their ridiculously large building
south of Rapid? Between the massive property tax increases and uptick in utility bills, it
makes this area less appealing to people who where raised here, to want to stay. Too bad
the wages don't match the cost of living increases we are forced to endure.

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