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BLACK HILLS POWER DBA Black Hills Energy  
Docket EL26-003  
RATE INCREASE  
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I am submitting my comment regarding a proposed 25% rate increase. This is UNACCEPTABLE. The company assured us in writing there would be no rate increase. Now with a new data center in Rapid City approved, BHE announces a 25% increase? I vote absolutely NOT. The data center should pay for any new infrastructure or improvements. 25% is pretty steep for one rate increase. How many customers have received a 25% salary increase? Not our family.

NO RATE INCREASE

Thank you,  
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