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**Subject:** Fwd: [EXT] BHP Increase

We strongly object to any increase in Black Hill's Power's rates. Currently that is our highest utility bill and we are not home during the day - working full time and a part time job to try to survive. You are going to make people have to make a choice between feeding their children, buying medication or paying the power bill which is absolutely ridiculous. They make so much money now it's ridiculous. Please use your brains and stop this nonsense, maybe you can afford your high electric bill but on a limited income with everything else going up - gas at \$3.69 a gallon this morning you are making it very hard to just get by.

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