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I feel the requested rate increase from Black Hills Energy should not be allowed as for the justification besides a large number of people have been impacted negatively financially due to the wind storms and which ever kind of storms that have affected the company have affected all of us also. I feel that we the people, who are paying for their power, have had enough raises in all of the utilities that it is hard to pay for the increases when our wages do not rise to meet all of the costs.

Please consider the customers of the utility and I feel there should be public meetings held at the very least in the consideration process.

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