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Sent: Monday, September 21, 2026 10:51 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Opposition to Black Hills Energy Rate Increase – Docket EL26-003 and EL26-024

I'm writing to oppose the rate increase Black Hills Energy is requesting in Docket EL26-003, and the phase-in plan amendment in Docket EL26-024. A 45% increase is too much to ask of residential customers, especially with so many people already struggling to cover basic costs.

Black Hills Energy is reporting strong profits and pursuing another merger. Before passing this cost onto residential customers all at once, they should have to show why it can't be covered through efficiencies, shareholder equity, or a longer phase-in period.

Please reject this rate increase as proposed. This isn't a small ask for a lot of people right now.

Thank you,

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