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In response and extreme aversion to the suggested 25% rate hike for the Rapid City area- My husband are retirees on fixed incomes who are already paying inflationary costs and receiving less and less interest if any on our retirement pensions. On general purpose a slight increase might be considered acceptable, but a 25% increase on our finances would be considered unmanageable. Rapid city has enough homeless people without utility gouging making it impossible for other citizens to manage their finances. Also this timing seems to indicate that the infrastructure needing to be improved seems to come at the same time as the proposed Data Center construction. If so, that company, NOT I, can foot the bill for those necessary improvements. Please consider this household to be DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED to the BHE proposed catastrophic rate hike.

Thank you for allowing me to proffer my input

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