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Dear Public Utilities Commissioners

Please do not approve the proposed rate increase by Black Hills Energy.

The most recent increase has strained my budget. Another 15.88% increase will cause a significant decrease in my ability to buy food, maintain my house and vehicle maintenance to commute to my job.

My yearly cost of living increase of 2.5% does not keep pace with the rising costs of food, gasoline, and utilities.

Approximately \$20.00 a month extra to Black Hills Energy may seem paltry to some but it is a significant amount to me. It is approximately \$420 over the course of the year.

Please do not pass construction costs on to the customers of Black Hills Energy.

Respectfully,

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