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Do South Dakota BHE Customers support other State's energy rates? Specifically, One example that I have is whether or not South Dakota energy users are subsidizing Colorado's "2030 Ready" Clean Energy initiative as described on Black Hills Energy's website? If the Colorado public wants this, they should pay for it not other out of State users.

I think the PUC should make it easier for small rural neighborhoods to get on rural electric especially when rates are to be raised. Our neighborhood is within 2 miles of rural electric (EL18-049) and it would be nice to opt out of Black Hills Energy. Rural Electric rates are significantly lower.

Thankyou