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PUC Docket EL 26-008

Subject: Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, SD
PUC Docket EL 26-008 needs Approval of a
Blockchain Interruptible Electric Service
Agreement (BCIS).

I am writing in **opposition** to BHE's Appli-
cation for secret BCIS with CSRE Properties
South Dakota, LLC, 490 Deadwood Ave.,
Rapid City, SD/PRINCIPAL ADDRESS 10624 S
Eastern Ave, Suite A-638, Henderson, NV.

According to the posted application, BHE will
build and own all the infrastructure.

CSRE is going to reimburse BHE for the
capital, construction costs, federal income
taxes for any such facilities installed.

This appears to be a **win win** for BHE.
CSRE reimburses BHE for the project and
BHE (Docket EL 26-003) proposes
increasing its electricity rate to 25% on
customers. Brilliant move for a business
monopoly in the area.

Oh yea, in an act of good faith thrown into the appl., BHE can interrupt power to CSRE up to 300hrs/yr. Also not obligated to deliver service in an emergency condition.

According to BHE memo to the PUC, **confidential treatment** is requested for trade secrets, confidential research, development, or commercial information.

What trade **secrets**?, how a closed loop cooling system uses anti-corrosion treated water, evaporation, causes steam like an vintage coal powered locomotive? There's no advanced technology being used. What?
or

Confidential **research** on? health risks to the public, contamination of air, water & soil with nitrate in well water, carcinogens, chromium 6, methane in a north west wind plume. Public surveillance. What?
or

Development?, Are glass etched storage chips advancing? AI making its own Algorithms? Future centers will be the size of a house or refrigerator? What?
or

Commercial info.?, Negotiations for preferential treatment; tariffs, electricity rate, property taxes, exemptions for environmental considerations? What?

I suggest

- Public utilities, Public deserves transparency of the project.
- All review South Dakota Constitution Article VI Bill of Rights p.27.
- Article XIII Public Indebtedness § 12 State Electric Power enterprises p.49.
- Article XVII Corporations § 20 Monopolies, end of first paragraph p.59.
- Reintroduce and support legislation like

House Bill 1246 “prohibit nondisclosure of certain agreements.....”.

– Remind Officials of **Senate Bill 135** Mar’26 “protect residents from increased utility costs.....”

– Do not reelect or vote out city or county commissioners, and mayor not transparent, involved in secretive behind closed doors dealing, and signing NDAs. It’s happening throughout America!

– in all this economic unaffordable times, all these Johnny Come Lately projects need to be put to a **Public vote**.

– Safety of the Public definitely was not on the minds of city or county commissioners, mayor, and Office of Economic development

– always say **NO** to the use of taxpayers hard paid tax dollars on wealthy corporate predators. No TIFs, grants, or tax breaks.

– insist Centers be built in Politician’s Backyard, PIYBY (Put In Your Back Yard)!

– don’t fall into the empathy trap of fear or co-dependency necessity.

– if this Bureaucracy has so much money to “**Willy Nilly**” hand out, give back our property taxes.

– just another reason for a vote on a **5 year moratorium** on AI/Data centers!

– People you need to get out and use your voting power, it does make a difference!

In conclusion again I believe this is all happening because of AI/Data centers, bad Actors, bad management, and bad legislation.

As always PUC Commissioners thank you for the many hours spent on dockets like this, your due diligence, your upholding the Law, and allowing all of us to voice our concerns.