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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2026 10:03 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] BHE Rate increase proposal

Hello,

I am writing to you about the suggested rate increase from BHE for South Dakota residents. I recently received my monthly bill and it included a letter explaining the rate increase, however, it fails to explain exactly why it is necessary other than “increased rates and other tariffs “. According to the letter my bill would be over \$50 more this month and \$75 more last month. This increase seems excessive to me due to BHE annual profits and now they want an estimated 50 million dollar increase per year? There is no way that wages are keeping pace at this suggested rate of over 25% to afford any kind of extra expense. I sincerely hope that as commissioners you have the interests of South Dakota residents as a number 1 priority and can see when corporate greed is at the core of a request. I am also requesting that this letter be part of the public record for docket EL26-003. Thank you for your support for SD consumers.

Sincerely,

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