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Please consider not approving this rare increase.  
BHE is a dividend paying publicly traded corporation that continues to invest in its shareholders and not in its rate payers or infrastructure.  
I currently reside in Pennington County where every bill seems to be increasing far faster than my earnings.  
While I understand this increase is the first in over a decade it is FAR too much for me to personally handle all at once.  
I implore you to regulate this utility in the interest of taxpayers!

Thank you  
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