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Why, why, why are you considering a 25% rate increase at the behest of Black Hills Electric? I certainly think a meeting open to the public must be scheduled before this outrageous demand goes any further. I own several rental properties in Rapid City, and in these times, my tenants simply can't afford such a steep increase.

Thank you.

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