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Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2026 4:26 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Docket EL26-003

Good afternoon,

My current residence is [REDACTED], South Dakota. I am a current customer of Black Hills Energy and have recently read an article about the rate increase proposed by Black Hills Energy. I strongly oppose the Docket EL26-003. This higher monthly utility bill increase will create more financial hardship on my household than already exists. The cost of living today for the average two person household is outrageous as it is and adding and increased energy bill to our monthly expenses will cause more stress, burden, and hardship on us. My husband and I got married only a year ago and have faced multiple challenges in regards to finances as we navigate this new chapter in our lives. We already see the changes in grocery cost from the last year and have slowly been seeing these changes in our other monthly expenses. We are a young couple trying to save for a future together and hopefully one day, a family. This proposed increase is HIGHLY opposed by not only us, but other struggling families in the area.

Respectfully,
Miranda Brown