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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to the 25% increase that BHE has applied for. The rising costs of every single utility in Rapid City, along with continuing rises in property taxes and now sales tax (coming soon), along with every online service, etc...is getting out of hand. It seems each week I'm getting another notification of rates increasing. Today it was another email. People can't continue to manage these increases when salaries here are in negative growth and stagnant. People can't even afford to buy a home anymore. This increase is ridiculous. If BHE wants to build massive power stations to support a data center, perhaps the data center should pay all the increases and cover these costs. It isn't fair to the people of this city to pay for these things when we certainly don't want it here and haven't asked for any of this! We have no say in the continued deluge of increasing costs.

Say NO to this request!

Thank you,  
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