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In reference to: EL26-003

I'm writing to ask to please take action about BHE's rate increase . They're proposing a 25% increase. This is substantial, especially for our general community whose living wages are already mismatched with our increasing cost of living across the board. Please, I urge you to reconsider this increase and think about the wellness of the general population. We already have a large number of families that can't afford to pay their children's lunch bills. This will be a significant strain on families in Rapid City and the surrounding areas.

Thank you,

**Marissa Layton**

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