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Subject: [EXT] Rate increase request by Black Hills Power

I want to express my concern about their request on the 25% increase. I want to oppose this increase as they have already increased the rates here at my facility already. When nothing changes and the bill keeps going up, wouldn't that be considered a rate increase? My utilities are high enough as all have increased their rates and as a small business cannot afford for these utilities to continue to increase just because.

It is a never-ending cycle. So they increase their rates, now we have increased our prices to accommodate, then employees want more money to pay for their bills, Then they want another rate increase to cover their expenses or staff because they need more money to pay their bills, So where does this cycle end?

Thanks!

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