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Subject: [EXT] rate increase

I am writing this in regards to the proposed 45% increase rate for Black Hills Energy. That is a massive increase and doesn't seem fair in comparison to other companies increases. We live in an all electric home and our monthly bills are high enough as is. This increase would just devastate us and also my family who have their own homes. We love the Black Hills and we are paying so much in taxes and now electricity too? What about your own family and friends? Would you want to do this to them? Please reconsider this and look into other options what would make this affordable for everyone. If this should pass, there would be a lot of hard feelings and animosity against your company.

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