

From: PUC
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 4:12 PM
To: Rick Bell [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXT] EL26-003

Mr. Bell:

The PUC is in receipt of your petition filed pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-12.

At today's PUC meeting, the proposed Black Hills Energy rate increase was suspended for 180 days.

We anticipate that either a contested case hearing or public meeting or both will be held on this docket in late 2026.

You'll find the full docket, which was opened on February 19, 2026, on the PUC website: [EL26-003](#) - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Authority to Increase Rates For its Utility Service in South Dakota.

To help you better understand how the PUC evaluates rate increase requests, I encourage you to review the [Electric Rate Increase Request Info Guide](#) available on the PUC website. This guide outlines the steps and considerations involved in our review.

Your comments and petition and this response will be posted in the "Comments and Responses" section of the docket. We appreciate your engagement and encourage you to follow the docket as it progresses.

*Chris Nelson, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
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