

From: PUC
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 8:32 AM
To: 'Richard Emerson' [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXT] Docket EL26-003

Mr. Emerson:

This is in response to your comments submitted to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Your comments mention two separate dockets:

- [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, was opened on February 19, 2026.
- [EL26-008](#) - In the Matter of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Approval of a Blockchain Interruptible Electric Service Agreement, was opened on March 19, 2026.

The Commission is conducting a review and investigation of Black Hills Energy's request to increase its rates in docket EL26-003. In this docket, Commission staff is conducting a significant in-depth investigation of Black Hills Energy's cost of service and charges to customers to ensure the end rate is just and reasonable.

Additionally, docket EL26-008 is currently undergoing a thorough review by Commission staff.

In each docket, Commission staff will engage in discovery, asking questions and requesting supporting documentation from Black Hills Energy. Once Commission staff's analysis is complete, it will be presented to the Commission via the docket and be heard by the Commissioners at a public, noticed meeting or hearing. The three commissioners will vote on whether to grant the request during that meeting or hearing.

Your message and this response will be filed under Comments and Responses in the EL26-003 and EL26-008 dockets. Given your interest, we encourage you to follow along as more information is received and posted in the dockets.

Chris Nelson, Chairman
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