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**Subject:** [EXT] Docket EL 26-003

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the rate increase requested by Black Hills Energy. I find the proposed hike to be preposterous and unjustifiable.

I am formally requesting that the Commission suspend this rate increase and schedule a public hearing to address these concerns. It is difficult to understand how such a significant increase can be allowed or justified given the impact it will have on consumers.

Thank you for your time and for considering this formal request.

Sincerely,

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Respectfully,  
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