

**From:** PUC  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2026 8:04 AM  
**To:** ryan kniss [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Docket EL 26-003

Mr. Kniss:

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding Black Hills Energy's proposed rate increase. The full docket, opened on February 19, 2026, is available 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. Your input is an important part of the public process.

On March 10, 2026, the Commission suspended the imposition of the new rate for 180 days. See the [order](#) posted in the docket. A public hearing and/or public meeting will be held prior to concluding this rate case.

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

Your comments 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  
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