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Subject: [EXT] Black Hills Energy Rate Increase

Docket number 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

EL26-024 - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Approval to Amend its Phase In Plan Rate

I object to these huge rate increases being passed on to the current consumers. If Black Hills Power wants to build more infrastructure so they can bring in data centers and send power to other states, they should pay for those facilities. Data centers should not receive a more favorable rate than private citizens as they are money producers for the owners and apparently are fueling the need for more infrastructure. As to the other states receiving power from South Dakota, those states should build their own plants or pay for BHE building in South Dakota. Why are the private citizens of South Dakota being expected to pay for BHE building more plants when we have enough energy production to serve the current needs? Let the new consumers pay for the growing demand. As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I find the proposed rates to be ridiculously high and prohibitively expensive for my budget.

Thank you for your positive consideration of my comments.

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