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Subject: [EXT] Black Hills Energy rate increase

Hello ,this is Steve Kissner at [REDACTED] Custer SD 57730 My phone number is [REDACTED]

I would like to voice my opposition to the rate increase being requested in Docket EL26-003 and the way this increase will be implemented in Docket EL26-024. If Black Hills Energy can't afford a merger without large rate increases perhaps they shouldn't have one . I have recently retired from the electrical industry after almost fifty years. BHE already makes it very difficult to to reduce your bill because billing is very confusing. If you use less the "cost adjustment summary " goes up and bill changes very little.

Please consider a much smaller increase. In the past BHE has asked for a 20% increase and got 10% and only needed 3%. Remember the P in PUC stands for the public you serve.

Thanks for considering my point of view.

Steve Kissner

Sent from my iPhone