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Subject: [EXT] Black Hills Power and Light *** DOCKET #EL 26-003****

I am very upset to learn that Black Hills Power and Light is requesting a 25% rate increase, Docket #EL 26-003. Their current charges are too high anyway. I have a small house, and I am relatively conservative with my power. It has been challenging just getting by as it is. Groceries are up and utilities are up. Taxes are exceptionally high in Rapid City! As a senior citizen, I can't handle a 25% increase in my electricity bill! It's time for Black Hills Power and Light be more empathetic toward their customers, especially those of us who are on a very fixed income. I'm not sure if you have seen their offices on Highway 16, but they built an enormous and impressive building. Also, their parking lot is spacious and well designed. They should be more economical with the funds they receive. They cannot keep milking their customers as they have been.

Thank you for considering this matter..

Sincerely,

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