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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Objection to Proposed Rate Increase – Docket #EL26-003

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed rate increase by Black Hills Energy under Docket #EL26-003.

An increase of this magnitude is unreasonable and places an unfair burden on residential customers, many of whom are already struggling with rising living costs. I am particularly concerned about whether sufficient efforts were made to control costs before requesting this increase and whether residential customers are being asked to subsidize large-use or commercial demand.

I urge the Commission to carefully scrutinize this request and prioritize the financial impact on everyday consumers.

I would also like to be included in the Richard Bell filing as an objecting customer. My information is below:

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