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Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2026 11:33 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Dockets EL26-003 and EL26-024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed 45% increase in power bills for the Black Hills region.

As a retired couple living on a fixed income, an increase of this scale will cause significant financial hardship for us. Our home is entirely electric and relies on this single heat source.

Given that the company remains profitable, why is such a substantial increase being requested from consumers rather than having shareholders absorb the costs of these investment upgrades?

I urge you to reconsider this proposed rate hike.

Sincerely,

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