

From: Tim Hartmann [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 9:30 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] BHE Rate Increase. The time is now for you all to stand up.

Good evening,

I send this comment as in regards to Black Hills Energy and there so called electric "service" they provide to their standard residential customer. It is my understanding that they are proposing a 25% rate increase. There are so many things wrong with this. They've sold it as they haven't had a rate increase in several years. A 25% rate increase over night while they are obviously also catering to big tech and data centers is ridiculous. The service they do provide has gotten far worse with more outages and they are beyond corporate crooked. It is not fair, honest or reasonable.

My subject line of this email is presented as shown as the time is now for you to do your jobs as you advertise on your website. Stand up to them and represent the household South Dakotan. Don't let them pay you off or what we they do to push things thought. Represent the people.

Sent from a lifelong South Dakota/Black Hills Resident, hardworking young family just trying to live an honest life in the Hills.

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