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EL26-008 - In the Matter of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Approval of a Blockchain Interruptible Electric Service Agreement

My husband and I are residents of Rapid City, SD. We would like to comment on the above docket and ask that you not allow the confidentiality aspect of this agreement. Residents are assured that CRSE Properties will incur any rate increase due to their usage, but with the agreement's confidentiality request, residents have no way of knowing what rate deal CRSE gets from BHE/BHP to audit this and be confident that rates won't increase. They are already exempt from certain fees that residential BHE customers have to pay. Why should their rate deal be confidential? Why shouldn't taxpayers and customers of BHE in Rapid City know what kind of deals their monopoly utility company is offering big, rich companies that will create no jobs and just use up more of our finite resources?

We are against this confidentiality. We are against big electrical or water users coming to Rapid City with it's already finite resources and zero competition when it comes to utility providers. Why not Sioux Falls? Oh yeah, they don't have grid capacity and they cost more. It should cost more in Rapid City so this stops happening. This is precisely why the rate deal should NOT be confidential.

Thank you for listening.

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