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Subject: [EXT] EL-26-024

Hello,
I submitted a form letter you you regarding the Black Hills Energy request to get more money. I wanted to include a more personal note on how this will impact me and my family.
To be blunt, I could lose my home.
With auto insurance increases despite not having any claims, Home owners insurance increased, again despite no home upgrades or claims, Property tax increases and a potential school bond added on, Water Trash sewer increases, the drought in the area...
Things are tight--even with my son living with me and paying rent. No room for emergencies. Or even buying " something fun".
I am on a fixed income--my SS retirement check. There are no retirement funds to draw out of. I don't GET raises and the COLA doesn't look too promising for next year either.
I also don't think it makes any sense for the shareholders to get a minimum dividend while people not fortunate enough to invest in a company foots the bill.

Thank you for reading and allowing me to tell you my situation,
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