

From: PUC
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 1:13 PM
To: Gina Suelflow [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXT] EL26-024

Ms. Suelflow:

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns regarding Black Hills Energy's proposed phase-in plan rate. You'll find the full docket, which was opened on August 5, 2026, on the PUC website: [EL26-024](#) - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for Approval to Amend its Phase In Plan Rate. Your input is an important part of the public process.

Affordability is a top concern for customers, especially in today's economic climate. The Public Utilities Commission takes these concerns seriously and is committed to a transparent, comprehensive review of the proposal. Commission staff analysts and a staff attorney are currently evaluating the filing to determine whether the project is prudent and whether the proposed rate is just and reasonable.

Commission staff will engage in discovery, asking questions and requesting supporting documentation from Black Hills Energy's staff regarding the petition and the items Black Hills Energy requests to recover. Once staff's analysis is complete, it will be presented to the Commission via the docket and be heard by the Commissioners at a public, noticed meeting or hearing. The three commissioners will vote on whether to grant the request during that meeting or hearing.

Your comments and petition and this response will be posted in the "Comments and Responses" section of the docket. We appreciate your engagement and encourage you to follow the docket as it progresses.

*Chris Nelson, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
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