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Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2026 11:13 AM
To: 'Juan Harrington' [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXT] Formal Objection to Proposed Black Hills Energy Rate Increase, Docket #EL26-003

Mr. Harrington:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission received your comments regarding docket [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.

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. Part of this analysis considers cost mitigation, phased implementation, and prudent financing.

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. This docket and process described above is the legal process for Black Hills Energy to seek an increase in rates, and for the Commission to review that request. If the Commission approves the request, in whole or in part, there is a legal process for parties to the proceeding to request reconsideration or to appeal the Commission's decision within 30 days after issuance of the final order. To appeal a Commission decision, an appellant must be party to the docket.

Your comments and this response will be posted in the "Comments and Responses" section of the docket. Comments will be accepted by the Commission, submitted according to the [guidelines](#) found on the PUC's website, any time prior to the Commission's final decision. If you would like to receive notifications of Commission meetings, please subscribe to the PUC Commission Meeting Agenda listserv: [Agendas of Commission Meetings](#).

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