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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] LIBICER - BH Interim Rate Increases

Good afternoon,

My husband and I own a home in Butte Co., SD and receive electric services for our fully electric (no gas services) home via Black Hills Energy. I previously wrote regarding the overall rate increases BH Energy submitted (Docket: EL26: 003) and now write to you to request that further increases be denied.

In my previous email I detailed the skyrocketing cost of living that SD families are struggling to keep up with and how the initially proposed rate increases would have severe consequences for the financial stability of many homes. The further rate increase request under the current docket smacks of a "slippery slope" attempt to edge their rate requests upward with the hopes of the PUC meeting them in the middle. BH Energy has remained profitable despite their infrastructure endeavors, many of which were strained by the ever-increasing intrusion of data centers on our local power grids. The costs to facilitate these centers should be placed on the data centers themselves, instead of extant residents and local businesses. Residents already struggling for financial stability should not have to absorb anymore rate increases or fees and this additional increase request should be flatly denied.

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