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Commissioner Nelson,

Sending you a copy of a letter to the editor
in the Argus Leader on January 17-2015.

Note what Black Hill Power is doing:

Sorry Xcel is right on track with what
they are doing. Rate increase every three to
four years.

Sorry, the Commissioners are yes people
to Xcel. Not the protector of the public.
The rate of increase is greater than my increase
in income. I'm on a Fixed income. Cola is 2%
And Xcel is asking 8 or 9 percent increase.

As Senior Citizens we need protection, Not more
raises on our Electric bills.

I taught American Government for ten years.
I always taught my students the importance of voting.
When public servant do a good job you vote them in or
Keep their job - when not doing a job that warrants their
stay in office, they are voted out. Need I say anymore.

Vote to help the people of South Dakota - Not a
Large Corporation. Its time to stop the increases.

Write
back
please

John Martin
Sioux Falls, S.Dak.

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However, my monthly customer charge has increased more than 14 percent and my monthly energy charge has increased more than 22 percent.

Overall, this has caused a 13 percent increase in my average bill. Increases such as these are higher than inflation and far exceed any cost of living increase which I may receive in my income. All of BHP's previous increases in the past six to eight years far exceed the increases of other utility markets.

While I appreciate the availability and convenience of electric power when I need it, I do not appreciate or condone BHP's deceptive practices. I would hope that the PUC sees through the Black Hills Power charade and denies them their onerous request for a rate increase.

Francis DiCesare
Rapid City

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**Is Black Hills Power
deceiving customers?**

Black Hills Power Co. has been asking for yet another rate increase. The Public Utilities Commission will hold a public hearing in late January, but BHP can and has increased their rates before any official approval.

Statements to the public by BHP have indicated that monthly increases would be 9.25 percent.

*For: Hanson
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