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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>

Subject: [EXT] Dkt EL21-011

Re: Dkt EL21-011 – In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc., dba Black Hills Energy to Amend its Cogeneration and Small Power Production Service Tariff

Dear SD PUC:

I oppose the effort of Black Hills Energy—my electric provider—to disincentize small solar installations in South Dakota. That is the effect of its proposed “buy all/sell all” tariff.

Instead, I suggest:

- a. A thorough Cost of Service Study to determine what actual demands and costs are really created and imposed on the BHE electric grid from small solar owners and operators, and
- b. Analysis of different tariff scenarios using demand and energy charges to recover actual costs.

Finally, in 2021, analysis of electric tariffs must be undertaken in light of the irrefutable data demonstrating that (1.) our planet is warming, and (2.) that warming is due, in part, to human activity and the combustion of fossil fuels. Thus, analysis of docket EL21-011 ought to occur in a way that is sensitive to our current dilemma.

Respectfully,

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