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Subject: RE: [EXT] The price of tomatoes

Thank you.

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I'm sorry, I do not know the docket number. It concerns Black Hills Energy's attempt to require home owners and businesses to sell their energy to BHE at a low rate and sell it back to the solar energy customer at a higher rate. Thus eliminating incentives to use renewables and driving local renewable energy contractors out of business. It seems unethical at best and coercively illegal in a court of law.

A farmer, who prided himself on growing the best tomatoes, worked hard to prepare the soil and invest what he had on seed and irrigation to make them better than any other in his village. But the local magistrate required him to sell his produce to the castle rather than feed his family.

Starving, he went to the market to buy food. There, in a bin with every other tomato was one of his, priced higher than he could afford. He resolved to never grow another.

Black Hills Energy wants our solar.

Kenny Putnam, Black Hills homeowner