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Subject: [EXT] Black Hills Energy

My wife and I are aghast at the attempt by Black Hills Energy (BHE) to make us pay them if we generate photo-voltric electricity from solar panels that hopefully will be placed on our house in Rapid City. This attempt by BHE to give them a monopoly on electric power and then fleece owners who generate electricity is unfair, unethical and goes against the trends in electric power in other states of the US. We need cheap sustainable power not electricity based on fossil fuels if the world is to abate global warming. In addition we need a decentralized power grid to keep from having huge blackouts when lightening strikes, fire or other insults harm the grid. Also electric power from solar panels is much cheaper than coal generated electricity. BHE just wants to keep cheaper electricity from coming to the market place.

I hope you will reject this blatant attempt to monopolize electricity, move backward and stop sustainable energy generation by Black Hills Energy.

Sincerely,

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