From: Hanson, Gary (PUC) Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 2:52 PM

To: 'Craig Hammond' Cc: Van Gerpen, Patty

Subject: RE: BHP & L electrical increases

Craig,

Thank you for expressing your concern with the request from BHP to increase their rates. Because I will be ruling on this docket it is not appropriate for me to comment regarding the case. I do, however, appreciate that you have taken the time to present your concern regarding the use of funds to purchase out of state assets and I will consider this point as the commission proceeds with the hearing.

SDCL 1-26-26 Ex Parte law requires that communications regarding open dockets must be revealed to all parties of the docket. Therefore a copy of your E to me and my response will be placed in the docket information.