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MEMORANDUM

To: Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

From: Linda Berry, Director
Public Affairs and Consumer Protection

Date: June 25, 2025

Re: Public Comments – Docket 25-BHCG-298-RTS

Attached is the report summarizing comments received by the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection (PACP) in Docket No. 25-BHCG-298-RTS, In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, for Approval of the Commission to Make Certain Changes in its Rates for Natural Gas Service.

There were 210 comments received by letter, phone, email, and online via the KCC website through June 20, 2025. Copies of the summary and comments received are attached and designated as “Attachment A.”

I request the Office of the General Counsel file the comment memo and supporting materials into the docket.

Cc: Aaron Bailey

Attachment “A”

KCC Office of Public Affairs & Consumer Protection Report
Docket Comments - First Report
25-BHCG-298-RTS

Docket No	Comments Submitted	# Signatures Total	# Total Comments
25-BHCG-298-RTS	208	2	210
Total Count	208	2	210

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130386
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
03-21-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Charles Sanders	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan, 66502	Email	chassan@ksu.edu
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
03-21-2025	Everyy has always had carte blanche when it came to raising the rates on the citizens of Kansas and increasing the pollution they spew into our skies. Do we, the people who are victimized by this company have any recourse? Is there no one speaking for us? Our legislators have been bought and our regulatory agencies feed at the same trough. What are our options? Have we any voice at all in this alternative universe where we are now compelled to live?		

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03-21-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Carl Reed	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan, 66502	Email	cm_reed@cox.net
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
03-21-2025	We should not be building power plants that use fossil fuels at this point. Any new capacity should use renewable resources.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
03-31-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Walter Cunningham		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita, 67235		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	cunninghambible@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
03-31-2025	We do not want solar or wind energy but coal, gas and nuclear! Coal is the lowest price. give us coal power!		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-01-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Season Schwind		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita, 67235		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	season.schwind@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-01-2025	The rate of these increases is not sustainable. It's way over any cost of living increases people might receive, which are not happening these days. All rates are increasing at 15-20%+ (utility, insurance, property taxes). Enough is enough. Find more efficient ways to run your business. Reduce business costs rather than passing along expenses to the consumer who is tapped out. We are paying 3x the estimated amount for storm URI (\$31 vs. \$11). So the averages you put out are not what most people experience, it's much more.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130481	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Julian Urrego	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130537	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Mj Willoughby	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-04-2025	Please deny this request for a rate increase. The rate increase is way too large and will hit all at once at a time when consumers are struggling to meet household expenses. I would also suggest that rates should be heavily tied and tiered to usage to encourage conservation rather than across the board user increases. Please deny the requested increase at this time. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the Commission.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130539
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Aaron Cunningham	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67235	Email	onfireforchrist@outlook.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-04-2025	Opposed Solar and Wind. I want Coal the cheapest form of energy. Reject Solar and Wind. Use what we already have plenty of. Coal. Higher rate are the hardest on the low income. We need inexpensive energy and to compete with China not appeasing Environmentalist who are anti capitalist		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130542	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Veronica Cunningham		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita, 67235		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	aaroninyashua@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-04-2025	Opposed Solar and Wind. I want Coal the cheapest form of energy. Reject Solar and Wind. Use what we already have plenty of. Coal. Higher rate are the hardest on the low income. We need inexpensive energy and to compete with China not appeasing Environmentalist who are anti capitalist		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130665	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Barry Morrison	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Halstead,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	How greedy can you be? How much is enough?		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130666
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	John Martin	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	johnblzn@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	Black Hills Energy is already a highly profitable company earning \$3.91 per share in 2024, a number that grew at over 4%. We do not need to raise rates to support an already highly profitable monopolized company. Vote no against ANY rate increases. Delivered 2024 EPS of \$3.91, or 4.3% growth from the midpoint of 2023 earnings guidance Increasing five-year capital forecast by 10% to \$4.7 billion for 2025 through 2029, including \$1.0 billion for 2025 Projecting total data center load exceeding one gigawatt from existing customers Increased quarterly dividend by 4%, extending track record of annual dividend increases to 55 consecutive years Initiating 2025 earnings guidance range at \$4.00 to \$4.20 per share		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130667
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Frederick Wiedemann	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67205	Email	wiedemannfamily@sbcgloba l.net
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	Are you kidding me?! Another rate increase, especially now, during one of the most tumultuous financial times in our country's recent history? We have millions of folks who are having to make REAL decisions between medicine, food, shelter, etc., and you want to place ANOTHER increase on all of us. SHAME ON YOU! Work within the budget you have, just like us common folk do! Anyone who votes to approve this rate increase should be fired, because they do NOT represent the common average working person!!! WAKE UP!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130668
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Nicole Mckinney	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	nicole.mckny@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130670	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Kirsten Matzen		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence, 66046		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	kematzen@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	I strongly urge you to deny Black Hills such a large rate increase. Kansans are already under significant financial strain due to inflated property taxes and higher than average utilities. We just want to be able to keep the lights on and the house warm at this point.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130672
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Shawn Brackbill	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	sbrackbill@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	In these extremely difficult times, the last thing we need is another price hike to a monopoly billion dollar corporation. Thew should be working to get the prices down rather than raising them nearly 20%. Where is this money supposed to come from?		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130674
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Domitila Garcia		Home Phone
Business			Mobile Phone
Mailing Address			Work Phone
Street Address			Fax
City	Garden City, 67846	Email	RCKCRRNZ@GMAIL.COM
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130675
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Renee Rempel	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67212	Email	rempeleenee22@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	<p>My rates have increased 3 times at least in the past 3 years. I understand that increasing rates happen but I also understand that customers are struggling to keep going while big companies pass down increasing constantly and without any justification other then rate increases until we get pay increasing to counter act costs its unfair to customers to keep supplementing the profits. You cannot tell us that these big companies don't turn a profit. Rather than punishment on the customers look at internal ways to save. That's what our company does. We don't get to choose our public utilities it not fair to the consumers at all.</p>		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Bonnie Powell	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Maize, 67101	Email	Bonnieshocklie@hotmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	Earnings of almost \$4 per share for 2024 made possible by new rates passed last year. Company earned over \$2 BILLION in 2024. They are a business, they should absorb their own expenses. 17% hike? lots of people going to be cold this winter. Ridiculous - vehemently opposed.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Joseph Heng	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67209	Email	noreply2u@cox.net
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	From what I see online natural gas prices are very low and I have no idea where Black Hills can come up with an almost 18% increase in consumer costs. This is so ridiculous that ANY increase should be denied.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130679
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Gregg Galloway	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67203	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	I am opposed due to the fact that I am on a fixed limited income, and this would put more of a strain on my finances.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130680
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Shawn O'Neal	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita , 67235	Email	skoneal@outlook.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	Black Hills is already the highest cost gas provider in Wichita and an almost 20% hike in prices are prohibitive and unprecedented. This is highway robbery, a big no Wichita where the highest property taxes I've ever paid are. As a senior who has paid off my house mortgage but still need to pay \$500 a month property tax and then add almost 20% more for gas and another 10% for electricity to envergy is making it impossible for me to own my home.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Melanie Tidball	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita , 67205	Email	matjj20@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	I am vehemently opposed to the increase in costs.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Brett Steinbrink	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	bjsteinbrink@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	I use Black Hills Energy's monthly payment plan feature. This means some months I will pay for more than I use, while some months I will use more than I pay for. This is meant to provide the consumer with a predictable bill each month. Since last July through January of this year, my payment has held steady at \$57. My bill for February was increased to \$64 accompanied by a notice. In March, it increased again to \$73 with no notice. Adding another \$11 to this would bring just my gas bill up to \$84. This is an increase of 47% over what I was paying for most of the last year, and I find that unacceptable. BHE already has a monopoly over the service in the area and is already very profitable. This is price gouging of consumers, plain and simple.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	BDONOHUE	P	R
Name	Deborah Gorges	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	1
Narrative			
04-16-2025	I am a homeowner and a senior and pay enough as it is. I feel the rates should go down, not up. We are against the increase.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Stacy Reed	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	Please start taking into consideration the cost you are putting out there is 5 times the CPI index. When you live on a fixed income you are hurting a lot of individual who are retired does not receive any raise close to these increases. You need to look to cut stock dividends and adminstrate pay.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Ray Burford	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67235	Email	rlb26meb@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	Our natural gas income from Kearney County, Ks clearly do not support your current gas charge or requested increase. Drill baby drill. Har har.		

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04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Mark Stafford	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67205	Email	go4lfer@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
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Narrative			
04-16-2025	17.6% is too large an increase. I'd support 5%		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130693
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04-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Linda Roemer	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garden City, 67846	Email	lkroemer@cox.net
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-16-2025	A 17% increase is obscene. We seniors on social security only receive a cost of living increase. It wrong for this company to request such an increase. They have a monopoly here in Garden city. I can t get natural gas from anyone else. A 3 increase is still too much, but manageable. Please refuse this amount of increase. Linda Roemer		

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Name	Jacob Penner	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	pennerj2@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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04-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Joy Trollman	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-17-2025	As a retired customer on a fixed income, an 11+ percent rate increase per month is prohibitive! As it is, I keep my thermostat at 60 degrees during the day and 57 at night. Basically, I'm wearing 4 layers of clothes inside my house to try to keep warm. Please consider those customers who live on fixed incomes as you consider Black Hills rate increase. Thank you.		

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Name	Bill Blevins	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66049	Email	kujhawks08@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-17-2025	how are we supposed to get inflation down to 2 percent?does this mean we have not had a gas raise in 8 years? and or will not have another for 8 years? how are seniors supposed to keep absorbing these raises on fixed incomes? 17.6 percent, GIVE ME A BREAK!!!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130699
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Larry Moore	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Waverly, 66871	Email	moore60@centurylink.net
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-17-2025	I believe a 17.6% increase is excessive. The line I get natural gas from is maintained by Energy Transfer, AKA Panhandle Eastern, so Black Hills only owns the meter. They have no expense on the maintenance then. I understand this increase is for costs incurred to support safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to customers, but I do not see a need for this dramatic increase. Thank you for reading my opposition and hope it will aid in the KCC decision.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130700	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Teresa Dayley		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita, 67235		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	dayleytj@pmt.org		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-17-2025	the biggest complaint I have is Black Hills spent money they don't have and now want the consumer to pay for it? The rate hike is extreme I say no not even for half the rate. Reading thru the application and found Black Hills pays for retirees' healthcare, drop this there's a savings. Drop the pension and offer 401K only have the employees make their own retirement.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130701
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Wayne White	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66049	Email	wwwawhite@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	D Berry	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Cimarron, 67835	Email	mcgee0871@hotmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-17-2025	They always seek to raise rates claiming the same reason to recover costs which is always vague. Utilities are basically monopolies as we can't purchase services from anyone else. Feds have not lowered interest rates and economy still in decline we as tax payers and service customers don't need another false increase in services just because we have our hands tied. Black Hills also just had increase to recover costs due to storms awhile back.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130704	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-17-2025	BDONOHUE	P	R
Name	Amin Mohammad	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garden City, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130705	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Kerry Altenbernd	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-17-2025	The 17.6% rate request is outrageous. This is over seven times the current inflation rate. Black Hills needs to be more efficient in its use of ratepayers money, and make it's investors shoulder the brunt of upgrades to their system, all of which expenses are tax deductible as business expenses. The KCC needs to protect Kansans from this kind of corporate excess.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130707	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Richard Duloherly	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Haven, 67543	Email	rduloherly1@outlook.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-17-2025	I don't know anyone that gets a 17.6% pay increase. I'm sure there are some, but no one in my circle of friends. I think it would be fair for a 9% or 10% increase.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130709	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Sharris Koehn		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Montezuma, 67867		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	ksfarmgal1@hotmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-18-2025	I'm on a fixed income. I'm a widow 69 years old. I'm able to work but retirement is out of question with all the high cost of living! Please consider our aging population that has already been taxed in Ks to death with high property taxes, food and energy too! Thank you		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130710
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Rex Railsback	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66049	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-18-2025	<p>This requested increase is greater than 3 x the avg. rate of inflation over the last five years and should not exceed such. Black Hills Energy customers are still helping the utility to pay off previous debt incurred from February 2021. The settlement for this would not allow a customer to pay off their portion in one lump sum, so we were forced to also cover interest payments which caused us to pay more in the long term than a customer actually incurred during said event. Although Black Hills Energy is a public utility, with investors to please, it is also a quasi-monopoly due to the fact that natural gas users in KS do not have any other natural gas provider options. Ensuring Black Hills Energy's investors, a high rate of return should not be paid for by customers subject to a quasi-monopoly.</p>		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Caitlin Teters	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-18-2025	<p>I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed 17% increase in my gas bill. As a current customer, I am already paying a similar fee on my bill each month — a storm Uri cost recovery charge that currently accounts for \$8.79 of my \$65.49 bill for the latest month (13.42% of total). This fee's per therm rate also went up last month. Despite that rate already being locked and an alleged cost recovery initiative, they've determined they can capture even more from that item. This added burden is already straining household budgets, and now another increase feels not only unfair, but unsustainable. Nearly a third of my monthly bill will now be related to recovering costs for a company that is claiming these rate increases are improving their profit & EPS guidance per 2024 YE reporting. They are profiting and delivering shareholder value directly off of this rate increase and from the pockets of families with no choice in the matter. Perhaps they should take a 17% decrease in their profits rather than proposing a 17% increase in our bills. As you know, there are no other options for us to receive gas in the area - our only choice to mitigate costs is to consume less gas by keeping homes colder in the winter. Under the new rate increase proposition, even this would have less overall cost mitigation on the bill's final amount. Utilities are essential services and in this case being provided by a publicly traded company is to our detriment. Rate hikes of this magnitude, especially when customers are still paying off previous crisis-related charges, pose serious affordability challenges. This increase would mean paying more for the same service, with no clear improvements or benefits to customers like myself. Ostensibly the only benefit is to shareholder dividends and gains. I urge the commission to reject this proposed increase. Ratepayers deserve transparency, accountability, and fairness, not continuous financial strain in the name of shareholder value.</p>		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130713	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Rowena Keller	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67205	Email	keller610@aol.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-18-2025	I've actually been here more than 10 years. Just moved back after husband passed. I'm 82 yrs. old so I've actually been here more than 15 yrs. I'm on a fixed income and don't wish to have an increase. Everything is increasing it seems. In Feb., my bill was \$196.21 and an increase of 17.6% is just too much. I live alone by myself, and adding more would be difficult.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130714
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Scott Taylor	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	scott3taylor2000@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	S	
Narrative			
04-18-2025	While not a fan of allowing a for-profit corporation that has been granted a monopoly to increase their margins, having read the submissions from BH, I understand the necessity in this situation. Their current profits are below what's needed to justify their continued participation as a utility in Kansas. The increase Black Hills has requested appears to be just enough to bring their margins to a level consistent with ongoing investment in safety, quality and reliability. I'd prefer to keep the \$11 per month, but I need natural gas for my furnace and water heater, and I can live with the increase. I do urge the Commission to remain vigilant regarding the cumulative effects of all rate increases over time.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130715
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Mary Kemper	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garden City, 67846	Email	kempermarycatherine@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-18-2025	Oh no! Rate increase sought! No no no. I am 81 yrs old on a FIXED INCOME NO INCREASE FOR ME EVER I cannot afford one more penny		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130719	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Tyler Palmer	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-18-2025	rate increases should not exceed 3% - 5%		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130720
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-19-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Michael Van Wallegghem	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence , 66049	Email	michael.vanwall@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-19-2025	I am strongly opposed to a utility rate hike for working Americans in the absence of a commensurate reduction in Black Hills Corp. executive salaries. If men being paid \$1MM+ per year indicate a willingness to forego a small percentage of their own take home pay, then Kansans could fairly consider doing the same. Until such time, the committee should at least work to negotiate a smaller rate increase.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130721	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-19-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Chuck Laskowski	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66047	Email	biermann01@earthlink.net
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-19-2025	I am retired, on a fixed income, and vote NO to any rate increase! Although there is a specified amount of money to be recovered (\$17.2 million), there is no specified end date for the proposed rate increase. In other words, customers would end up paying far more than the \$17.2 million needing to be recovered. Repeat: NO to any rate increase.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130723	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-20-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Herb Hutchison		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	hhutchis@duck.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-20-2025	A 17.6% increase is expensive. Black Hills needs to find cost savings to reduce the increase to the cost of inflation.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130725	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-20-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Arthur Miller	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Bucyrus ,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-20-2025	We are retired and receive income from social security. A 11 dollar a month increase is not a small deal to us. We feel that this will be difficult for us to afford. Please consider our hardship when addressing this proposal. Thank you		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130726	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-21-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Elizabeth Hardesty		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence ,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email			
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-21-2025	There are no competing companies in the area (a) to naturally drive down prices for consumers over time, (b) to provide other options for individuals who cannot afford these prices, and (c) to ensure quality and standards in customer service and care are not only maintained but improved on.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130728
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-21-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Michael Woods	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	civilitymutual@icloud.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130730
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-21-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Pam Lehner	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Haven, 67543	Email	pam.lehner@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-21-2025	Why do you think you deserve a rate hike? I'm still paying on my monthly bill to BH the disaster in Texas that happened over a year ago. I keep my thermostate between 67-68 and have to wear a sweatshirt and wrap up in a blanket in my own house. People on a fixed income can't support your price increase. You need to trim your budget just like the American people are having to do.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130732
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-21-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Debra Demine	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Rozel, 67574	Email	dldemine23@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-21-2025	This company told us that switching to them would save us money. They told us that they would move the meters back to the houses as one of the FIRST steps of converting from the municipal system we had to a public company. Now they want a 17% raise!!!! No way they haven't done want they said they would do when they asked for us to vote away our municipal system. Until they have the meters at the houses NO INCREASES SHOULD BE HONORED!!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130738	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-21-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Tracy Archibald	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67208	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	N	
Narrative			
04-21-2025	My only request is that this decision sincerely consider the strain this always puts on retired seniors like myself on fixed incomes. I am not opposed to you meeting your needs; however, those increases multiply for the rest of us from all our service providers. We can only absorb so much.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130740	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-22-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Julie Torske	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67212	Email	wks43jb@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	N	
Narrative			
04-22-2025	I am OK with a rate hike in the range of 4%. I am a state employee and am only receiving a 2.5% rate hike in my salary. It is already difficult to make all bills to maintain a house in Wichita to include house taxes and home insurance. My paycheck won't go that far to include a rate increase of 5% or more. Please consider people are struggling right now, especially those of us who only have one adult in the home working.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130742	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-22-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Betsy Evans	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	evanstobetsy@sunflower.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-22-2025	Is there no such thing as the cost of doing business? This proposed increase is just too much to be borne by customers. A 2-3% increase might be palatable, but 17% is outrageous! Safety and reliability should be guaranteed by our subscriptions and monthly payments.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130749	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-22-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Kathryn Askren	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garden City,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-22-2025	We are already paying extra for a storm charge. I'm sure they are making money on that , so I strongly oppose the proposed increase!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130750	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-22-2025	BDONOHUE	P	R
Name	Luzia San Juan Franco		Home Phone
Business			Mobile Phone
Mailing Address			Work Phone
Street Address			Fax
City	Garden City, KS		Email
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-22-2025	I'm Alone in the house and only one using gas in the home. The amount is very high and when it gets cold. I used to only pay \$100 and now I'm paying up to \$200. It's too much to pay. I don't agree with this and not working currently. please do not raise these rates.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130753	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-22-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Benny Gonzales		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Montezuma, 67867		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email			
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-22-2025	How much of a profit margin is needed before asking for a rate increase? I understand this is a business, but when making in the millions of dollars Black Hills should reinvest some of the profit back to recover costs already incurred.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-22-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Fred Askren	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garden City ,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
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Narrative			
04-22-2025	We are still paying a surcharge from the widespread storm several years ago. Many people cannot afford more costs. We are seeing more foreclosures because of all the inflation. So please let the rates stay the same at least until they take off the storm fee. Thank you. Fred		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-23-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Elliott Smith	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	startrhyming@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-23-2025	In a time of increasing economic uncertainty and rising costs, it's unconscionable for utilities companies to request such a significant rate increase for consumers. The Black Hills CEO made almost \$3 million last year and the company itself recently reported \$98 million in earnings. Perhaps they could recover some of their costs, which seem to literally be the cost of doing business by taking an infinitesimal percentage of their earnings.		

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04-23-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Merril Sake	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence , 66049	Email	merrilsake@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-23-2025	Following two years of cost increase to allegedly compensate for a polar vortex period, Black Hills Corporation by 25-BHCG-298-RTS will increase the cost 17.6% in 2025 while in these last three years they have paid common investors alone at least \$805 million. Given the amount of market share profit, these continuing cost increases are unjust and unreasonable for Kansan's like myself who depend on purchasing natural gas to live. Charging a flat \$18.50 monthly delivery fee regardless of how many terms are delivered is unjust and unreasonable. Please regulate this natural corporate exploitation per your commission funded by Kansans' tax dollars. Sincerely, Merrill Sake, Black Hills customer in Lawrence, KS		

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04-24-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jarrod Rowland	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Sterling, 67579	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	N	
Narrative			
04-24-2025	I'm both opposed and supportive. If BH absolutely has to increase rates to stay in business to continue to supply us with natural gas, I'm for it. Can they trim excess expenses, instead of just raising rates? Could they raise rates 5% a year for the next 4 years instead of 17.6% all at once? I'm opposed to paying \$44.00 more on my Dec, Jan and Feb bills, when my usage is around 200 thm. That would have raised my Jan bill from \$253.06 to \$297.06 this year. And I burn wood in my woodstove to try and keep my gas usage down during those coldest months. Just my thoughts, but keep the gas flowing either way. Thanks. Jarrod		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130774	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-24-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Roger Williams		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email			
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-24-2025	No rate increases at this time. Too many people are struggling with what is going on politically.		

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04-25-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Ted And Susan Sanders		Home Phone
Business			Mobile Phone
Mailing Address			Work Phone
Street Address			Fax
City	Wichita,		Email
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-25-2025	Being a captive customer in a monopoly not good for business, or residential. There is no competition in pricing or service. They the gas service company should not be allowed to charge for a service that is not being used, or allowed to back charge for service that was not used during the year. When there is only one gas line that is not completion. When hold consumers captive, it's called Fascism.		

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04-25-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Rick Kuhle		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence, 66047		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	rick.kuhle58@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-25-2025	A 17.6% increase in a monthly bill is ridiculously high. KCC should restrict any increase to 4.0% and, if truly necessary, allow increases over a 4-5 year period. Social Security increases have only averaged 2.83% over the past 10 years.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-25-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Ruddel Heart	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-25-2025	I don't think they need a rate increase.		

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04-26-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Terra Lubin	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	tklubin@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-26-2025	<p>“Presently effective rates do not produce sufficient revenues to cover the reasonable cost of Applicant’s continued ability to render reasonably sufficient and efficient service,” the company said in testimony. This is a lie, the revenues are insufficient to render service while continually growing executive salaries and shareholder growth. The model of privately owned, privately invested, public utilities, at a minimum requires competition. If BHE is decreasing sales and unable to provide service as they claim, it is time to seek a different company. Or better yet, a different model for our public utilities.</p>		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130783	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-26-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Donna Norman	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Fowler, 67844	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-26-2025	I feel that is a pretty steep increase for seniors on a fixed income. Our usage so far this year has been 194 thm. On the highest monthly usage that is an increase of close to \$45 that month. I would just like you to consider what this does to people that are on fixed incomes.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-26-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Connie Wempe	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66047	Email	bocopasa@att.net
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	N	
Narrative			
04-26-2025	<p>I am so thankful to have a warm house. At this point, Black Hill's services are the most convenient way to heat my home. Also tthaks.to the reduced rates for income poor homes. I am aware rates do not, unfortunately, reflect the true cost of gas. These costs were unknown when companies began to deliver gas for sale. All people of the earth pay these hidden costs in pollution, war, health, clean up, increased taxes and such. What can Black Hills offer to balance this cost? This is a real and true cost. Will/can Black Hills cooperate with other gas suppliers to reduce the now known total cost. Would BH plan to pay for cleanup, emission control, disinvest in arms production, stop giving reduced rates to big users of gas, or stop using lobbyists in a way most voters cannot? What sort of knowledge does BH have of these costs? How does it affect it's lobbying? I like many customers are being very careful with our gas use. It is a sort of writing on the wall. To keep BH viable, are there any thoughts of changing energy sources to sell or other products to sell? My father had a very difficult time convincing my grand father (who bred and sold hoses from his farm) that motorized tractors would replace hoses. Thank goodness he did. Too bad grand dad didn't begin selling tractors. He loved his horses. Thank you for considering my concerns. We are in this together.</p>		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-26-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	James Rush	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67212	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-26-2025	We are on a fixed single income and I have been laid off due to the federal goverment reductions. Inflation continues to rise and I can barely afford my health insurance and food. We can not afford any more increases in our required expenditures.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-26-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Loretta Krichati		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita, 67212		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	krichati@hotmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-26-2025	When is enough, enough? People on social security can't keep up with everyone's increases. We are on a limited income. Eleven dollars here, \$20 there and so on and so on. Where are we supposed to come up with all this extra money. Why such a big increase. We are tired of all these greedy corporations. All of these corporations are showing a big increase in profits and they what more and more money from their customers so again I ask when is enough, enough?		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-27-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jeanne Klein		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence, 66046		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	kleinj@sunflower.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-27-2025	I oppose Black Hills' outrageous proposal to raise their rates by 17.6%. Most customers cannot afford this steep price hike. Black Hills is a monopoly that customers cannot avoid. Their CEO and stockholders should bear the brunt of increased expenses.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Laura Green	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	peetupuppydog@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	It's ridiculous. We are all paying for a rate hike for a few days years ago during a freeze that the corporation can't tell us where the hike cane from!! Who is profiting? Usage is down because people can't afford to use your product.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Lori Kersten	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67212	Email	lorilk31@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	Please don't allow this rate increase. I know \$11.00 a month means nothing to a business that makes millions if not billions in profit. It makes a huge difference to me!! I have trimmed everything I can from my monthly budget and the services I have no control over keep wanting more and more of my money, money I don't have to give. I already keep my home at 65 degrees in the winter and 80 degrees in the summer. I don't run my air or heat if I can help it. I drive a 2011 car with 130,000 miles because I can't afford a new one. I shop clearance at the grocery store. I shop for necessities at garage sales, thrift stores, and estate sales. I don't eat out or go places. Why do big companies get to make millions on the backs of us that can least afford it? Maybe they need to make cuts like I've had to do. Stop letting monopolies gouge its captive customers so they can keep their profits beyond comprehension. Thank you:		

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04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Erika Earles	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	earleserika@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	Black Hills energy is not a suffering company. They are making a profit. Customers should not be required to pay for the upkeep of their profitable business. If we are going to subsidize any energy business, it should be for renewable energy, not for a methane-producing company.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	CGOMNEWS	P	R
Name	Mark Woods	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lenexa, KS 66219	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	<p>I am unequivocally opposed to the Kansas State Corporation Commission approving Black Hill Energy's request to increase rates for natural gas delivery. Kansans and the KSCC should reject their request for rate increases. BHE is requesting the Kansas State Corporation Commission allow them to raise Kansans monthly residential bill by 17.6%, estimating an \$11/month increase to the consumer's bill. (4) This will have a disproportionate impact on those in the lower income brackets and/or living in homes with poor insulation. BHE is worth \$4.34 billion with annual revenues of \$2.12 billion. FACTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Hills Energy (BHE) has had an average increase in profit of 9.4% across 2022-24. (1) • In 2024, BHE executive leadership was paid \$11,626,700 between six individuals, with Linden R. Evans, President and CEO of Black Hills Energy, receiving a total compensation of \$5,787,141. (2) These annual — excessive — salaries equate to BHEs 67% of the requested annual increase to Kansans of \$17 million. • BHE states that they “will have” spent \$118 million since 2021 to “support the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas.” (3) This is, frankly, the cost of BHE continuing to do business and has already been factored in annual profits and losses, and BHE still posts year-over-year profitability. (1) Service rate increases should not be implemented to cover costs that have already occurred in a company that remains profitable. • BHE has extracted \$74 million in annual rate increases from neighboring states since 2023, the majority since 2024. Over two years, this increase - absent Kansas - equates to \$148 million, exceeding their purported \$118 million of investment. (1)		

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04-28-2025	CGOMNEWS	P	R
Name	Mark Woods	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lenexa, KS 66219	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	Cont'd 2... • BHE notes, "Since the 2021 rate review, Applicant has experienced declining residential usage per customer." (5) (Para 8, pg. 4 of their filing) This is a market-driven business reality for BHE, as Kansas is ranked third in the US for renewable energy production, with 52% of Kansas' energy needs coming from renewable sources. Kansas energy consumers should not have to pay for BHE's inability to compete in the market without price increases. KSCC must reject this proposal for the benefit of all Kansans. Publicly Available References 1. Black Hills Corp. 2024 Annual Report 2. https://www1.salary.com/BLACK-HILLS-CORP-Executive-Salaries.html 3. Black Hills Energy February 2024 - General Rate Case - 25-BHCG-298-RTS file with the Kansas State Corporation Commission Feb. 3, 2025; See Para 6, pg. 3. 4. Black Hills Energy Direct Mailing, Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period Concerning Natural Gas Service Rate Review, April 2025. 5. Black Hills Energy February 2024 - General Rate Case - 25-BHCG-298-RTS file with the Kansas State Corporation Commission Feb. 3, 2025; See Para , pg. 3. Mark Woods		

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04-28-2025	CGOMNEWS	P	R
Name	Roy Guitron	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garden City , KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	Every chance BHE gets, they want to raise our rates all the time. A person can't afford it. I'm against the rate increase.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	CGOMNEWS	P	R
Name	Trudy Lunow	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Offerle, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	I'm calling concerning this rate increase. I have a very limited income, social security only and it doesn't increase with the rate increases. I would appreciate they look at that and try to be as easy on us as they could. Thank you.		

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04-28-2025	CGOMNEWS	P	R
Name	Jon Oden	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Sterling , KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	I've noticed my gas bill was higher this winter and I looked at my gas bill, which is 18% higher with 20% less therms. I have a natural gas well. Since I used less therms, I would think it would be the same or less than last years. I'm not certain the reason for the price difference and it the delivery charges have gone up that much. If gas prices are so low, why is our gas bill going up so much? I don't feel like they need an increase since they already got an increase from last year.		

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04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Kelson Bohnet	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66047	Email	kelsonbohnet@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	Everyone is struggling, except executives and very high-income earners. The KCC should not approve any rate increase unless Black Hills' executives and corporate officers are remaining at their same rate of pay. KCC should also not approve any rate increase that is tied to a stock buy-back plan. Thank you for your time and attention.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jacob Forbes	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	jforbes1225@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	Every year I pay more in Customer Charges than natural gas. Now BH wants residential customers to endure the brunt of the rate increases while giving a discount to large volume firms. BH is essentially double dipping by using customers to service debt while conducting debt offerings as a publicly traded company like last year for \$450m at 6% senior notes. Moreover, they have raised their annual dividend for 55 consecutive years! This month I will pay \$24.80 while my energy usage cost was \$1.72! Stand up to these monopolies price gouging residential customers that are paycheck to paycheck in an inflationary environment during an energy boom		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130804
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Natalie Friend	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	nataliekfriend@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	<p>Black Hills Energy's earnings (after expenses & stock payouts) easily surpassed over 200 million last year. According to Black Hills testimony, the rate increase is required to recover \$17.2 million dollars. If the company's pocketed at least 200 million last year, I fail to see how Black Hill's statement that Presently effective rates do not produce sufficient revenues to cover the reasonable cost of [...] service, can possibly be true. Furthermore, this increase, if implemented, would have a snowball effect. Black Hills serves a large swath of Kansans with low incomes, as well as businesses and organizations. Residents will not only pay more for electricity at home but will also pay more for goods and services as businesses raise their prices to cover the cost of their own bills. We're already confronting a cost crisis and teetering on a recession. If implemented, this rate increase will hurt our most vulnerable Kansans the most. Our population is aging and retirement funds have been deeply affected by recent market instability. Many are already struggling to pay rent, mortgages, utilities, groceries, and medical bills. Approving this rate increase without further outreach to the public and proof would be a huge mistake. I urge the commission to deny this rate increase request.</p>		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130811	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jason Boss	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Arron Fiser	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67211	Email	afiser13@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130817	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Alexander Pimentel	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	alexpi1115@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	Black Hills has, year to year, enjoyed excellent profits. Just last yea they enjoyed a 13% profit margin. This increase appears to be nothing more than an attempt to further enrich the already rich to the detriment of everyone else in the state		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130823	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Alexandra Harrell		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email			
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	This is a pretty substantial increase at a time where where we have already seen many previous increases (my cost has increased significantly in the last 4 years even though my usage has not). We live in a state with weather extremes and the greed is pricing families out of keeping their homes safely and comfortably heated. Black Hills has a monopoly and people have no other option in service.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130834	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Sue Midyett	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SEISENBA	P	R
Name	Kevin Price	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	I am a disabled senior citizen trying to stay in his home. Please do not raise the rates. I am totally against it.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130844	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jacqueline Allen	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence , 66046	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	The whole nation is struggling financially right now and its bound to get worse. The fees for Black Hills are high enough without an increase making it harder to make ends meet. I oppose this. Now is not the time.		

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04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Greg Robet	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence ,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	We dont want an increase in bills. The fees are high enough as is, I oppose any more increases.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Erica Hoskinson	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67203	Email	gaither.ERICA@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	This is absolutely ridiculous. They need to learn to manage their money better. We already are paying more because of extreme weather. I don't have another option for gas so I feel the monopoly is hurting Kansans. Also if evergys rate hike goes into effect regular people are going to be absolutely screwed along with businesses		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130851	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Joel Aldrich	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67211	Email	jaldrich89@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	I strongly oppose their attempted rate increase. As a citizen who has already had to tighten my budget, Blacks Hills should have to tighten their own budget.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130853
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-28-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Alex Timpe	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-28-2025	Absolutely not. I just started working again and you're looking to increase rates? Life is already expensive and youre looking to make it worse by drastically outpacing inflation? Have the sense to realize that this hike is too much too soon.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Nicholas Mosher	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Larence,	Email	
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	<p>I am writing as a concerned customer and resident to formally oppose the proposed 17.6% increase in natural gas rates. At a time when inflation and the cost of living are already placing immense pressure on families and individuals, this increase would add an additional and unnecessary burden. Many households are still recovering from recent economic disruptions, and a double-digit rate hike will disproportionately impact seniors, low-income residents, and working families who are already struggling to make ends meet. Energy is not a luxury—it is a basic need. Such a steep increase risks making that need unaffordable for many in our community. Additionally, I urge the commission to ensure full transparency around the justification for this increase. Customers deserve a clear explanation of how these additional funds will be used and whether all cost-saving measures and alternatives—especially energy efficiency improvements or administrative cost reductions—have been exhausted before turning to ratepayers. I respectfully ask you to reconsider this rate proposal and explore more equitable, gradual solutions that do not place such a heavy burden on consumers. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.</p>		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130872	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Brittany Hayes	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Goddard, 67052	Email	brittanyhayes91@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	Throughout the years, how many increases has the CEO received? Since Jan 2016 yearly compensation is 5.79 million, I am thinking instead of increasing our rates you take the money needed from the top instead of from the bottom. Or out of the 2.12 billion in revenue reinvest in the company to increase safety and cover costs.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130875
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Dinora Isidoro	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Liberal, 67901	Email	dinora_ic95@hotmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	I just feel that such increase is too much for customers to be responsible for 50 terms again. Those extra charges just keep piling up, we still have the Storm Uri charge and 2 PGA charges.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130876
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Lynn Barnes	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Topeka, 66614	Email	tinbarn51@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	Kansas DOES NOT need a rate hike! We for sure don't need solar panels!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130877
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	James Huber	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67216	Email	jp.huber@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	Can not help if residential usage is down, maybe BHC should consider business focused on lowering prices by increasing customer growth. "Quantity over price increases " Our insurance rates are up also, why should customers pay Black Hill Corp. insurance? Infrastructure should be counted as doing business. Maybe dividends to shareholders should be lowered to help pay for your infrastructure and insurance costs. I'm a fixed income customer, can't afford a \$11.00 price increase. My income is just too much for assistance programs. Sincerely James P. Huber		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	CGOMNEWS	P	R
Name	Fred Studer	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Goodland, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	BHE doesn't take the old folks into consideration. We only get one social security check per month with a 3% raise each year. We're getting older and don't have that much money anymore. A few years back they started charging us a delivery charge and then added other charges. It's ridiculous how charges keep going up and we can not afford to pay for the rising prices along with everything else. They are not taking us into consideration. Our cost of living and inflation prices have gone up and its terrible to see. I never thought I would be at a point in life where I would be running out of money. I thought I'd have enough money to last the rest of my lifetime. But I don't know now. Its ridiculous when you live on social security and with all the prices going up, its hard to keep up.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130882	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	CGOMNEWS	P	R
Name	Kellie Neill	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	I am against any rate increase at this point in time. 1) Due to the economy. 2) BHE has been adding a Storm Uri charge for the last 5 years, for a storm that occurred 5-6 years ago and was not in our state. When I inquired about the charges with BHE they said, it would still be on our bill another three and a half years. That should've been made up for long ago. I do not see how that is fair business practices. Any private company that is doing capital improvements has to come up with their own money to finance their ventures. I feel this is a ploy to scam the customer and put more money in their Executives pockets. The cost of doing business should be from their own profits and not ask the customer to finance their expansion. People are barely getting by month to month and it's not fair. I'm 65 years old and I'm not sure if I'll be able to retire at the age of 70. I'm very conservative and cannot afford this. I can't bare anymore extra every month.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130883	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	CGOMNEWS	P	R
Name	Cindy Mcnicoll	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	Please don't raise the rates. The economy is tough and we can't afford any more.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130888	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Benjamin Parker		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Topeka,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	bparker5595@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	You guys do not need to increase rates again! You already make an insane profit as it is! Stop being greedy. You guys don't even trim the trees anymore like WESTSTAR did before the terrible merger. Do BETTER!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130890	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jim Kreider	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	order@sunflower.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	In 1970 the average CEO earned 30 times more than their average employee. If the CEO of Black Hills earns more than 100 times the average employee, the rate increase should come out of their salary package.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130896	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-29-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Christina Christenson	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Park City, 67219	Email	getthepwent@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-29-2025	I do not agree with a rate increase for a FOR profit business with a history of negligence and fraud. Additionally, natural gas rates as of 4/29/25 are lower than they have been in the last 10 years. There is ZERO reason to approve a rate increase.		

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04-30-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Kevin Steen	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Salina, 67401	Email	krs2208@hotmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-30-2025	Every year we get a tax increase which is wrong.. cut your spending and raises..bonuses and do a better job of operating...we are taxed enough already and have never seen a break with the windmills and solar.. corporate tales more profit		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130907
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-30-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Shawn Stockemer	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67203	Email	shawn.stockemer@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-30-2025	Black Hills Energy reported a net income of \$273.1 million in FY 2024. The regular people paying blackhills everygy to provide them this large income on the other hand are seeing a decrease in income relative to inflation. Prices of to many things are increases to add additional costs onto already strained bills. See as Black Hills energy is currently not only financial sound but seeing significant excess in earnings at the moment a rate increase should be if no cancelled at least significantly delayed		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130908
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-30-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Sharon Page	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Valley Center, 67147	Email	skpage4@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	N	
Narrative			
04-30-2025	<p>My concern is for us Senior Citizens on a fixed income that do not get any cost of living or increases in our retirement, if any, or social security, if any. Everything is rising in cost but our incomes do not. I am not saying we get a free ride, as many of us were working and contributing and paying our fair share when we were in the work place. It just concerns me that I am continuing to stretch what income I do get for medications, groceries, gas, utilities that continue to rise, and living expenses. My gas bill for my home went from \$36.00 a month to \$96.00 - \$146.00 and the only gas I use is to my fireplace, which I do not use on a regular basis, and my hot water heater. I have not added any additional items that use gas and I have lived in my patio home for approximately 15 years?????? I truly appreciate your efforts but please keep us Senior Citizens in mind when you are deciding rate increases. Thank you,</p>		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130910
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
04-30-2025	BDONOHUE	P	R
Name	David Dinell	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
04-30-2025	I object to the proposed increase of 17.6%. mostly because it's large nature all at once. There is no competition and have to go with Black Hills. I'd like to see some alternative if I could go to somewhere else if the price doesn't seem warranted		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-01-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Persephone Purdeu		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence,		
	Home Phone		
	Mobile Phone		
	Work Phone		
	Fax		
	Email		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-01-2025	Instead of passing the cost of infrastructure to the consumer, why don't the executives take a pay cut? They're not entitled to year after year record breaking profits only to complain about needing even more, while they're individually responsible for more usage than the average person.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130936
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-02-2025	BDONOHUE	P	R
Name	Frankie Summers, Dr.	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garden City, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-02-2025	I oppose it. But I propose to just adding the increase to whomever voted for Donald Trump since his tariffs will be affecting where our money goes. I'm a senior citizen and unable to afford my gas prices going up.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Lou Anne Ward	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67203	Email	angelvoiced@hotmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-04-2025	<p>Black Hills' is suggesting an increase to cover costs of delivering service, investments in infrastructure, delivering natural gas, vehicle expense, tools, labor, etc. Those are the costs of doing business and should be paid out of their profit margin. Black Hill's income for 2023 was \$262.2M & profit margin of 11%. 2024 was \$273M with a 4.2% increase & dividend to shareholders of \$3.91 per share. Now Black Hills wants the residents of Kansas to absorb a 17% rate increase. The water department just requested and got a 6.75% increase on top of the annual 5% increase active since 2019. Now Evergy wants an 11% increase. They also want to raise the flat charge to \$31 before they turn on a light bulb. How do we cope with these increases when our income doesn't increase accordingly? Social security increases over the last 5 years: 2021 2.5% 2022 5.9% 2023 5.9% 2024 3.2% 2025 2.5% State of KS employee wages as an example: 2021 Zero 2022 Zero 2023 5% 2024 5% 2025 2.5% How can we cope with this on top of the rising cost of groceries, rent, property tax, gasoline, insurance, etc... Where do you propose those funds come from? Black Hills Corporation has initiated a 2025 earnings guidance range of \$4.00 to \$4.20 per share. This guidance is based on certain assumptions, including the constructive and timely outcomes of utility regulatory dockets. That means they're counting on the KCC to assist them in looking more attractive to potential investors and to hell with the ones paying the tab. Seniors in Kansas are already struggling. The cost of Medicare, supplemental insurance, doctor co-pays & donut holes in drug coverage...A recent survey by ResumeBuilder found that 1 in 8 retirees are going back to work either part or full time and it's based on need! The welfare of Kansas Citizens has to mean more to you than the corporations and stockholder's profits!</p>		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-05-2025	SEISENBA	P	R
Name	Donita Graham	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Hugoton, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-05-2025	I would like the rates not raised. I am a widow and cannot afford another penny. Everything is going up.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 130949	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-05-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Traci Dawn		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Garden City, 67846		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email			
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-05-2025	The only reason you wanna raise rates is because you're bought and paid for by the Democratic Party who wants to turn everything electric. We can barely pay our gas bill as it is and you wanna go and raise rates for what reason? What is costing you that much more money to run your business per year that you have to raise rates to that extent? Apparently the CEO and the president and the vice president all need a significant pay raise and that's the reason for the rate increase. Hopefully somebody else comes in this area to offer natural gas and puts you guys out of business.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-08-2025	BDONOHUE	P	R
Name	Barbara Connell	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Colwich, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-08-2025	Concerning the rate increase. I believe whomever is raising these rates is too much for people who are fixed income. Whether you are a senior which I am or anyone on the fixed income. Is too much to ask. Social security don't amount to what you want to raise a month.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	130971
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-08-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Ryan Maldonado	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, Ks, 67212	Email	ryanmaldonado@live.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-08-2025	Economic instability and uncertainty is high and does not warrant a rate increase to burden Kansas families. Black Hills Energy had a profit of 134.3 in the first quarter of this year alone. They can't afford a 17.2 million cost associated with their business? They want to pass that on to customers to line the pockets of their executives? We can't afford any more rate increases! This is unacceptable and cannot be allowed!		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-12-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Emma Givens	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-12-2025	<p>To the Kansas Corporation Commissioners in the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, My name is Emma and my partner are I are current Black Hills customers. I wish I could say I was shocked to hear that Black Hills is asking permission for something that would negatively impact its customers, but frankly, I'm not. I am a Black Hills customer because I have to be, not because I want to be. And their request to increase rates by \$17.2 million is just another example of how Black Hills takes advantage of their clientele. Aside from personal experiences of being double charged, incorrectly billed, and repeatedly dismissed by their billing department, I tried to dig deeper to see if this request was reasonable. After all, everyone--consumer and company owner alike--are feeling the pinch of the ever increasing cost of living. However, when I reviewed the document Black Hills Corp. Reports 2024 Fourth-Quarter and Full-Year Results and Initiates 2025 Earnings Guidance I was met with yet another reason why I loathe that they are my only option for gas energy in my neighborhood. In this document, under Consolidated Income Statements on page 5, Black Hills illustrates comparisons between the end of 2023 and 2024. Under Gas Utilities, for which they are asking for this increase, they decreased expenditures in operations and maintenance by \$3.9 million yet increased their profits in this category by \$25.8 million. This makes it very difficult for me to voice any public comment in support when they are requesting money to recover costs already incurred to support safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to customers. With net income for 2024 of \$273.1 million and their operating income of \$503.1 million, I urge the commissioners to not grant benefits to a company who seems to not want to utilize their profits to recover costs and instead, want to transfer this burden to their customer.</p>		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131026	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-19-2025	BDONOHUE	P	R
Name	Kathryn McGraw	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garden City, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-19-2025	I am acquainted with 5 widows who live in cold temperatures who can't afford to pay our gas bills on fixed incomes. It's sick and shouldn't happen in our country. Where are we supposed to go if we can't pay our gas bill. Went to wash my car \$12 to \$18. I'm appalled the cost of gas is going this much higher in such a short time. It's despicable to let people go without heat and I know a few who are and it's not acceptable to raise our gas prices this much.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131056
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-23-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	David Bunker	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66047	Email	david.bunker1950@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-23-2025	I opine that Black Hills Energy should not be allowed to increase rates to the extent they desire to build that many new facilities. I further opine they could build fewer units and accomplish the desired results.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131063
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-27-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Dave Redmon	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan, 66502	Email	ldredmon@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-27-2025	My wife and I are long-time residents of Manhattan, now well into advanced age. This proposed 11% increase in costs for gas for heating our house would be difficult for us to absorb--even though we keep our thermostat at 68 during the winter (and 80 during the summer) and are well insulated. In addition, we are wondering about the connection of this proposed rate increase with the proposal to build two gas-fired generators in Kansas--perhaps on speculation that demand for electricity (and thus profits) may increase because of Internet activity. We wonder why we, as KCC patrons of public energy, are asked to pay for such a private capital venture.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131090
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-30-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Carol Schneider	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Goddard, 67052	Email	suzeq5184@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-30-2025	We live on a fixed income and these rate increases put a heavy strain on our budget. We may have to decide if we pay for groceries or our medicine!! Think about your parents or Grandparents!!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131093	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-31-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Matthew Pound	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Parsons, 67357	Email	mattpound87@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-31-2025	Why do they need another rate increase? The last rate increase was Dec of 2023 for the exact same reason. Thye are a monopoly, where for the majority of Kansas have no other choice. Evergy earned 877 million dollars last year. There is no reason for Kansas to pay for CEO's new yacht If this is allowed, it will only hurt families that are already struggling to pay their utility bills just for shareholder's profit!!!! So not just no, but HELL NO~!!!!!!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131117	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
05-31-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Susan Mcwilliams		Home Phone
Business			Mobile Phone
Mailing Address			Work Phone
Street Address			Fax
City	Topeka, 66614	Email	ssmcllms@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
05-31-2025	Increases continue as shareholders reap the benefits. Stop the madness!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131132
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-01-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Sheila J. Smith	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Parsons, 67357	Email	smithsheila618@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-01-2025	This is very upsetting to someone on a fixed income to be told ONE of our main bills is going up by 17.6% and our social security most likely increasing by less than 3% for 2026 Cola. What part do people not get that prices keep climbing in all areas: groceries, gas, phones, medical, rent, etc and for last 8 years at least social security is NOT keeping up? Every time we get the appreciated cola raise something seems to swipe it away. Repectfully, Sheila Smith		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131134
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-01-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Alice Scott	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Spring Hill, 66083	Email	ozzytedvail@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-01-2025	I live alone and receive SSDI. I Have lost 212.42 in resources this year including a rent increase and receiving only 1/3 of what I normally receive from LIEAP towards my electric bill. If my electric bill is \$60 a month when I start paying it on my own I will have \$170 per week to live on. I will lose an additional \$1300 in coverage from my health insurance in October 2025. And instead of a \$15 copay for my 5 specialists I will be paying 20% of each bill.If i dont make this change i will not receive behaviorial health care needed for my qualifying condition.. I will also receive another rent increase in 2026 If this 8.62% electric increase is passed I do not know how I will make ends meet each month as my income is too high to qualify for any assistance besides LIEAP which is reduced substantially. Please consider individuals like myself who fall into an income group who make too much money for most resources but still struggle. Thank you for your time and consideration		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131165
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Joel Austin	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66049	Email	austinjoel64@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	This is an exorbitant amount to increase our monthly bills, especially while the cost of living continues to rise and wages stay stagnant. If you want to charge more, advocate for wage increases on a national scale.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131168
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Rachael Nasal	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Junction City, 66441	Email	Msrachaelwarwick2017@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	Noone can afford this. With cuts to all service and employment rates and prices of food and all other service Noone can afford to just pay more. Especially with no explanation as ro why??		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131177	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jessica Beer	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Hutchinson, 67501	Email	jbeer0310@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	Their rates combined with the cost of living already make it impossible for families to survive. To increase it even more is just guaranteed to increase the need for more welfare and homelessness.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131202	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Tana Akers		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence, 66046		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	tanaakers@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131203	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Mary Jones	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	maryk.jones5@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	That is a high increase for retired people. Half of that would be more acceptable.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131204
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Janene Krueger	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66047	Email	krueger.janene@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	I strongly oppose rate increases at a time when more Kansans than ever are placed in a situation where living paycheck to paycheck and living in the red is a problem. If this passes, it will place more individuals than ever who are right on the cusp of needing support from the state into a category where basic utilities become a burden in maintaining a household, especially for those who are in the renting/leasing category, a population that continues to increase with each passing year. I became a part of that population this year after a consistent 20 years of homeownership. It is not an easy economic time to be in for residents, and these costs should be evaluated elsewhere within the company of Black Hills Energy, or elsewhere that funding may be found.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131212	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Michael Johnson	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66047	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	The public utilities are doing fine financially and do not need to increase rates.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131223	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Sue Grosdidier	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66049	Email	susabelle61@yahoo.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	At what point are we going to stop with the raising of taxes and utilities? Everyone wants an additional piece of the purse and it must stop somewhere. I am retired on a fixed income. I have also seen my retirement savings plummet that last several months. This increase is significant, every dollar counts right now with the cost of living. PLEASE do not allow this large increase.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Joy Mapes	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	joywriter8@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	This is a significant increase for consumers, who are already dealing with inflation prices for groceries and almost every other necessity. This increase would hit poor people the hardest, including elderly and disabled people who are on fixed incomes. They won't get an increase in their social security payments to absorb the higher gas bill, so they'll have to go without other necessities to keep their gas service on. That's unjust, especially since Black Hills will continue to make a profit even without this increase. Respectfully, consumers need Kansas Corporation Commission to protect us and say no to Black Hills. Thank you.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131229
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Adam Jackson	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Enterprise, 67441	Email	adamleejackson77@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	We can barely afford our electric as it is. Stop this madness!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131240
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Vickey Adams	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	adamsvickey2@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	Times are hard enough to make ends meet, especially for the senior citizens who are already on a fixed income and cannot afford higher costs. Please take that into consideration. With everything else continuing to increase this year, senior citizens can't keep paying higher prices.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131247	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Lori Hasselman		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence, 66046		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	lahasselman@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	Good afternoon, I'm wonder why these initiatives to recover costs are passed on to consumers and not better managed at the administrative level of the company through budget reductions. Your company is still reporting increased profit margins with 55 years of consecutive annual dividend increases but you need more from us? Thank you.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131250
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jeff Moloney	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Olathe, 66061	Email	Moloneyjeff42@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	Electric prices have already been increasing at high rate from the last couple of years. The average Kansas family are already having a hard time paying for the average necessities. So greatly opposed any kind of an increase at this time		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131257
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Riley Jones	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan, 66502	Email	jonesriley.113@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	This is absolutely just a money grab... You raised prices a few years ago and now you're trying to do it again?? All the while I have not seen any improvements that should be met with raising prices... Everything is expensive enough without greedy companies like yours trying to squeeze every last penny and to do this during the summer when prices soar anyways. absolutely crazy.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131262
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Greyson Harmon	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	greyharmon@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	I am submitting this comment to OPPOSE the rate increase proposed by Evergy/Black Hills Energy. While I am a supporter of investing in infrastructure and clean energy solutions, plans for a natural gas plant (already known to be increasing green house effect emissions) is not where I want to see my money being put to use. We are entering a recession thanks to the blind fanaticism of the current administration, and Evergy/Black Hills Energy's response to squeeze customers who have no other choice in the market even further. I think that a rate increase should only be allowed after Share Holder and C-Suite compensation packages have already been slashed to the bone.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Charles Housworth	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Leavenworth, 66048	Email	charleyhousworth@hotmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	I'm against it unless prices go down again but I doubt it.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Claire Johnson	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	St Paul,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	Please do not allow this Evergy rate increase. It is unjustified considering Evergy's current profit margin - which is sufficient to pay Evergy's CEO, David A. Campbell, a total compensation of \$7,257,862 in 2024. This included a salary of \$1,056,000, a bonus of \$1,207,800, stock awards of \$4,929,101, and other compensation of \$64,961. The VOTERS in Neosho KS are severely over-taxed and Evergy rate increases only add to these VOTERS' growing dissatisfaction with SE Kansas and their determination to move elsewhere.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131278	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Nancy Campbell		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Saint Joseph, 64506		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	dnc@ponyexpress.net		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I find that the increase in all the utilities lately may soon become a burden for us to keep up with. I am very concerned for those who live only on Social Security. We have had a rate increase on water, sewer, natural gas, and now evergy. Please keep senior citizens in consideration when raising rates.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131296
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Todd Trahan	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	To whom it may concern, I undoubtedly oppose this bill to pass. I am on an even pay plan at the moment because incurring bills are extremely too high already. We have had increases over the past few years already, and we have had no problems receiving so called "safe" electricity and natural gas supply. It sounds like the money is going to pad pockets of employee who sit behind desks. There is no reason every resident should pay an extra 11 dollars out of pocket every month to support "safe reliability" when we have had no problems with safety or reliability at all. This is an outrageous application proposed.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131298	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Lorelei Moore		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Atchison, 66002		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	loreleimoore@hotmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	As someone who lives on a fixed income the proposed rate increase is exorbitant. I appreciate services provided by Evergy and the employees that work in extreme conditions but I have to be able to pay my bill. I try to keep my electric rates as low as possible and already feel I don't maintain a comfortable temperature in my home because I can't currently afford rates. I always pay my bill and don't believe I've ever been late or have asked for assistance.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131302
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Samantha Peters-Brown		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Topeka, 66614		
		Home Phone	
		Mobile Phone	
		Work Phone	
		Fax	
		Email	samanthapete2023@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	DO NOT RAISE PRICES! It is ridiculous how pay rates are not increasing for employees but our bills keep going up.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131306	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Vernon Henry	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Topeka,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	We are on limited social security income and cannot afford rate increases while your shareholders get rich from our demise! Do better for citizens trying to survive this economy!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131308	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Susan Henry	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Topeka,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	We are on limited social security income and cannot afford rate increases while your shareholders get rich from our demise! Do better for citizens trying to survive this economy		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131311	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Sarah Hardee		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Liberty, 64068		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	sarahlhardee@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	Perhaps reduce CEO salary if you're hard up for Cash. Leave regular people alone. Cost of living is high enough as it is.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131313	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-02-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jasmine Ross	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Topeka, 66611	Email	lpsjazzy2003@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-02-2025	This is absolutely crazy! People already pay enough and struggle to pay \$300 energy bills to keep their home from being 80 degrees. I personally waited as LONG as possible to even turn on my air and still had \$150 bills! INSANE! You should be LOWERING costs for consumers NOT raising them!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131315
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Paul Talbot		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Topeka, 66604		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	pwoggie66@yahoo.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	Already paying 250 to 300 a month. Dont need another increase barley afford to pay that. But if course you'll jack it upanyway.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131323
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Willetta Triplett		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Topeka, 66607		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	willettauptic@cox.net		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	You say you will recover already incurred expences to or against the public!?. It is a shame you can't take on such expences seeing the profits you earned in the first halfe of the period you say you have occured such expences. From the publics expences all together probley would't add up to you profits at that time mentioned!. Have you ever heard of GOD'S year of Jubile-50 year Busniess's forgiveness of depth. This is to your shear holders.Thank you for allowing me to exercise my comments.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131326	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Daniel Steck	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	steckda2003@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	The only reason I still live in the state of Kansas is the cost of living being so affordable; with 3/5 utilities potentially raising this spring, it's hard to see that as a worthwhile staying factor.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131331	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Gigi Wahba	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	ripplesedgexx@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	I think the rate increase is too high for lower to middle income clients. It's not clear to me that other avenues of savings have been thoroughly reviewed. I also would like to see more conservation incentives especially for the largest users.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131341	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	William Mcguire		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Topeka, 66604		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	Williammcme@ymail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	6 years ago there was so much gas they couldn't store it all. How much did rates drop then? NO. They should not be allowed to continue to make Kansans suffer.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131372	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Mary Jo Cushing		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Americus, 66835		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	mjcushing1@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	People are having a hard time paying bills as it is, necessary services don't need to increase.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131397
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Anna Harvey	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	annasgardens@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	I am a senior reliant on Social Security. I cannot afford these constant increases in my utilities. They eat into my income more and more each year. My social security income does not increase in a comparable amount, so you are forcing me to live on less and less income each year. I'm sure your executives and your shareholders are not facing this same dilemma. Please consider reducing some of your profits.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131410
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Carlos Hernandez	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Emporia, 66801	Email	loscarbonco@sbcglobal.net
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	I am committed to working with [evergy energy] to find a solution that addresses the current situation. I believe that by working together, we can find ways to ensure my household's access to essential electricity while also being mindful of the financial impact on my budget,as a person living with a fix income i can't afford the increase mentioned,maybe i could live with a 3% increase, i suggest look somewhere else like c.e.o salaries before you can consider passing the buck onto us the public, Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response. Sincerely,Carlos hernandez		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131416
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Janet Valigura		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Topeka,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	jmvaligura@yahoo.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	I have been a customer of Evergy for over 5 years. I'm writing to request that the \$13.05 increase per month be denied. I am 74 yrs old and on a fixed income. Evergy requested a rate increase just 2 yrs ago. I went to that meeting and it was shown that the people in the company were receiving large salaries. Evergy should not be getting an increase so people who struggle in this economy have to foot the bills for this company & their employees. They charge us enough as it is so let Evergy foot the bill for what they want to do and quit charging their customers outrageous rates! Thank you for your attention to my request.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131421
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Michelle Irvine	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Topeka, 66617	Email	mirvine2005@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	We are tired of seeing increases every single year. PLEASE stop them! Costs are rising everywhere as it is. Your company makes billions. Stop funding your retreats and vacations with rate increases!!!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131425	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Rachel Canterbury		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email			
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	I'm vehemently opposed to this Evergy rate hike which would cause an undue burden for many Kansans already paying a high price for electricity.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jean Gunn		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Berryton , 66409		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	jeangunn@att.net		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	I think any increase in our electricity bill is not necessarily. I have read it is needed for infrastructure and maintenance. If the rate is not imposed you will just add more to the “fees “. I see the salaries of those in”charge “ maybe they should pay the bills for those of us that are barely getting by. Kansas is a perfect example of just charge the customers they have no other choice. Think about the customer and not just your power trip. Lol		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131454	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Alea Martin	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Carbondale,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131458
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-03-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Ronald Grossman		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Leavenworth, 66048		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	ronaldgrossman69@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	S	
Narrative			
06-03-2025	I fully support evergy's request for a raise in rates. They do a great job in addressing potential outages and I actually think that they are not asking for enough of an increase. Rev Ronald Grossman		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131465	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Lisa Jordan		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Emporia,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email			
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	The people of Emporia are being squeezed financially plenty. Evergy has already raised their rates in recent history. We are asked to shop our local businesses; how can we spend what we do not have due to these frequent rate increases? Rates are sky-high as it is, and there is not really another vendor in this area to shop around and get the best rate. -Customer 4 years		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131470
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Stephen Kendrick	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Bartlett, 67332	Email	SWKTAMPER@YAHOO.COM
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	Over 482,000 Retired and approximately 1/3 of the Kansas Population are listed as having a disability. All of these people are on fixed incomes and cannot afford a rate increase. This increase should not be allowed. The utility and insurance companies should not be given a guaranteed income and should have to be competitive in a free market.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131479
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Ruby Castro		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Emporia, 66801		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	Castroruby0816@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	I don't think an increase is appropriate considering how much we already pay for our light bill. I'm completely against this!!!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131480	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Denise D Dorcey		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Emporia, 66801		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	dorceyhaus@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	This company already price gouge. This must stop! Help Kansans, not big corporations!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131487
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Joe Duntz	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan, 66503	Email	jduntz21@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	This is a ridiculous request. Are you serious? A average rate increase of \$13 per month. Come on. In today's economy and with retirement funds depleating daily, I cannot believe this is a serious consideration. If this much of increase is caused by infrastructure improvements, maybe those improvements should be made clear to the effected customers before hand so they can decide if that is how they want to spend their \$13 per month. Ridiculous. I just got a 1.5% cost of living raise. Maybe that is the kind of increase we should be talking about here. I am on record as completely opposed to this increase and am ashamed for anyone that would consider granting this amount. Thanks for considering my comments.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131490
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Todd Duntz	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan, 66502	Email	tduntz@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	I am completely opposed to this! 17.6% is jaw dropping. In a time where it seems everything is up in costs 5-10% for inflation, and you are telling our billing will be going up 17.6%, more than double what the ridiculous inflation rate is. This is inconceivable and unacceptable. I work for the State of Kansas and was just given a 1.5% cost of living raise. It does not take a mathematician to see that a 1.5% cost of living raise will not cover a 17.6% expense increase. What other options do we have?!?!		

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06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Thersea Williams		
Business			
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Street Address			
City	Topeka , 66604		
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Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	teriw409@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	We need to recognize that enough is being done to cause division. You as a company have the opportunity to prove that you are putting customers first. In so much uncertainty not having to worry about extra money for an already expensive bill would be a blessing. Please do the right thing for the right reason and not just to make money.		

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06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
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City	Wichita, 67208	Email	kyleavalos@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	Stop raising our [REDACTED] rates and use your record profits.		

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06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence , 66044	Email	lucan13andrews1994@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	The cost of living is already high enough, in a state where minimum wage is still \$7.25. Raising prices for everyday people hurts them even more. If you want to raise energy prices, as I said last time Everygy raised their prices: Raise the prices for corporations and chain-stores like Walmart, Dillons, Hyvee, McDonald's and the like. You'd make more off them, give the common people a little less to have to stretch the budget to cover on top of stagnating wages. We all know mega-corporations have more than gained in excess since the pandemic. Inflation is only going to get worse with the political minefield. Don't add to the strain already weighing heavily over everyday people.		

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06-04-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Street Address			
City	Andover, 67226		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	wcp238@sbcglobal.net		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-04-2025	I am against raising the rates to customers.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131546	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-05-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Ray Jansen	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Salina, 67401	Email	armydad4411@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-05-2025	Fixed income. Expense is absurd. I don't support the increase.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131549	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-05-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Ron Reiber		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Lawrence, 66046		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	rr28sxs@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131552	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-05-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Donna Mckissick	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita , 67208	Email	hawaiianscott67@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-05-2025	People are currently having a hard enough time paying bills and the increase is going to make it harder		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-05-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	ducksedriks@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-05-2025	Last winter, I was unable to pay my heating bill, this led to increased stress which my heart could not take. I am 87. When KS winters are cold, the heat must go up to survive. As a pensioner on a fixed income of social security only, I need protections from increases, not the fear of losing my home or life. Black Hills threatened to cut off my gas. Now, with this increase proposal and the Evergy proposal combined, I will be forced to go without home health care services to cover the increased monthly cost. This will further impact my health. I demand the commission protect those who are on a fixed income and those who are older. I strongly oppose this increase. Help us.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131566
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-05-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Nathan Wichman	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66049	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-05-2025	Maybe a smaller increase. If approved, please use some of the proceeds to pay down debt. Or, stop paying a dividend and you won't need a rate increase. That dividend money is much better spent on your customers, not some institutional investors retirement fund.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-05-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita, 67212		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	denbarth@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-05-2025	On page 32 of Mr. Fridel's testimony, he indicates a proposed increase in the base or fixed portion of a residential bill from \$20.77 to \$31.50. This is a 51.66 percent increase. As a pastor who has served in low income communities most of my life, I strongly oppose such a massive increase in the fixed portion of the bill. This is an outsized and unavoidable increase that families on the edge will struggle to pay. It would be far better to host most of any increase in the usage portion of the bill, which allows low income customers to manage their costs by controlling their usage. They know how to close off unused rooms to reduce usage, for example. But a 51% increase in the fixed portion of their bill they can't control.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131578
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-06-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Rev. Rodney Fritz		Home Phone
Business			Mobile Phone
Mailing Address			Work Phone
Street Address			Fax
City	Hanover, Kansas., 66945	Email	sargefritz409@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-06-2025	Thank you for your card concerning a rate increase of 8.62%. My concern is for us who are on a fixed income. I have not received aa 8.62% increase in my social security payments. Inflation is much, much lower now so such an increase seems unjustified. Why does the rate increase not include the Kansas Metro area? It seems like we in the rural areas are bearing the brunt of this increase. Please reconsider such a large increase. Thank you. Pastor Fritz.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
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Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Topeka, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	1
Narrative			
06-06-2025	Please see attached letter.		

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Commissioner Annie Kuether

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Re: AARP Kansas Comments on Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC,
d/b/a Black Hills Energy Rate Case Docket No. 25-BHCG-298-RTS

By: Glenda DuBoise, AARP State Director, gduboise@aarp.com or 785-806-7517

We are Glenda DuBoise, State Director for AARP in Topeka and Michael Brosch who lives in Leawood and is a volunteer for AARP. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that advocates for fair and affordable utility rates and reliable service. On behalf of AARP, we thank you for this opportunity to express our concerns about Black Hill's (referred to as "BHG" or the "Company" herein) proposed rate increase that would make natural gas energy- an essential utility service - less affordable for many older adults. AARP Kansas has more than 278,000 members some of whom are customers of BHG. These member households, and Kansans over 50, would be

adversely impacted by yet another significant rate increase in their utility bills.

The persistent and dramatic escalation in utility rates that we are seeing in Kansas and across the entire nation poses a special concern for households with residents over age 50. Consumers over 50 tend to devote a higher percentage of their total spending towards energy costs than other age groups. All consumers must be able to rely on the availability of safe, affordable, and high-quality utility services. Affordable utilities are crucial to health and personal welfare. Accordingly, we are concerned about the BHG rate case request overall and have the following more specific concerns:

- AARP urges the Commission to carefully scrutinize Black Hill's gas rate increase because the Company appears to be overly aggressive in its attempt to raise rates. The Company's proposed rate increase seeks to increase net Base Revenues by \$17.2 million annually.¹ This proposed rate increase represents a 27% increase in margin revenues and would increase an average residential bill by \$11.07, far above any reasonable estimate of normal annual cost inflation since the Company's last rate case.² Black Hills Gas implemented its last Kansas rate case change effective January 1 of 2022, and has collected additional Gas System Reliability Surcharge (GSRS) Rider revenues in subsequent years.³ The Company's proposed 27 percent margin revenue increase and the resulting monthly bill impacts suggests inadequate cost control efforts by utility management that should not be rewarded with higher returns for shareholders.
- Gas distribution utilities experience changes between rate cases that are both favorable and unfavorable, with deployment of new technologies and continuous recovery of old plant costs through depreciation; all helping to offset inflationary pressures on

¹ Black Hills Filing at Section 3, Schedule 1.

² Black Hills Filing, Section 3, Schedule 2, page 4 reflects "Total Operating Revenues" of \$63.7 million, after exclusion of Purchased Gas costs. The proposed \$17.2 million rate increase is 27% of currently effective non-gas revenues. Average residential bill impacts are set forth at Section 2, Schedule 1, page 4 of the Company's filing requirements.

³ In its last Kansas rate case, the Company settled for a base rate increase of \$6.6 million, an amount equal to rebasing of existing GSRS revenues according to BHG witness Robert Daniel at page 5.

expenses and new investment costs. It is essential that regulators recognize not only the utility's increasing costs, but also fully recognize the deployment of technology, improvements in efficiency and other favorable cost changes in setting new rates. A balanced approach to regulation is essential.

- Black Hills is requesting a significant increase in what consumers must pay towards the Company's annual corporate profits, by asking that its currently authorized annual return on common equity be increased to 10.5%. This proposed increase in its equity return percentage is further amplified and made even more costly by the Company's proposal to base rates upon an equity "thick" capitalization ratio exceeding 50 percent.⁴ **These return proposals are excessive and should be rejected by the Commission.** As a point of reference, BHG recently agreed to a 9.85% ROE with a 46% equity ratio in October of 2024 in settlement of its Arkansas Gas rate case.⁵ There is no justification for increasing the Company's equity return and income for shareholders at Kansas ratepayers' expense, given the extremely supportive regulatory structure and policies made available by the Kansas Legislature and by the Commission that dramatically reduce operational risks to the Company's shareholders. Examples of Kansas regulatory policies that continuously shift costs and risks from shareholders to ratepayers include BHG's existing Purchased Gas Adjustment, Gas System Reliability Surcharge, Weather Normalization Adjustment, Storm Uri gas charge, test year updating/abbreviated rate cases, Ad Valorem Tax Surcharge, Pension/OPEB expense trackers and now BHG's newly-proposed Insurance Expense Rider.
- Gas utility sales volumes and revenues in the Midwest are heavily impacted by the severity of winter space heating demands. Rate cases therefore require normalization of test year sales volumes so that new rates are based upon "normal" weather. BHG's filing proposes adjusting therm gas sales and test year revenues by quantifying what might be considered "normal" heating degree days within its weather adjustments. For its weather adjustment, Black Hills would quantify "normal" weather using a relatively

⁴ Direct Testimony of Thomas Stevens at page 3.

⁵ Black Hills Corporation Investor Presentation, March 2025 at page 9 summarizes "Rate Review Progress" citing an approved settlement in Docket 23-074-U in Arkansas.

recent 10-year average of degree days with its witness stating, "Use of a 10-year period provides a reasonable balance between using a sufficiently long period of time to capture both warmer and colder conditions and giving recognition that the more recent past is generally a better predictor of the near future."⁶ **AARP agrees with BHG's approach and supports use of more recent weather data in light of warming trends in Kansas weather, and has urged rejection of the 30-year weather normal approach used by Evergy in its pending rate case.** The Commission should insist upon a consistent definition of normal weather in rate cases, so that gas utilities cannot benefit from warming trends using shortened averages of HDDs to determine normal winter weather at the same time electric utilities ignore such trends and understate normal KWH sales levels using obsolete 30-year averages of summer cooling degree days.

- BHG is proposing rate recovery of significant amounts of incentive compensation based upon financial metrics such as earnings per share. The Commission should continue its policy of eliminating expenses for incentive pay that is driven by financial parameters such as earnings per share or cash flow metrics, such as the payments of restricted stock and performance shares to BHG executives.⁷ **These incentives and stock awards should be paid out of utility earnings, to match the cost to the shareholders who benefit from higher earnings.**
- We ask that you treat residential consumers fairly with regard to class allocations and rate design. In the company's rate proposal, residential consumers would pay nearly all of the proposed rate increase, including a 70 percent increase in the fixed monthly customer charge, with this charge moving from \$18.50 presently to \$31.50 at proposed rate levels, while the volumetric Delivery Charge per therm is nearly unchanged.⁸ High fixed charges make controlling your bill more difficult. This is a proposal that minimizes any base rate savings opportunity for customers who successfully reduce gas usage through conservation, while further insulating shareholders from risks arising from conservation effects. Given the many subjective judgments involved in class cost

⁶ Direct Testimony of BHG witness Ethan Fritel at page 8.

⁷ Direct Testimony of Kris Pontious at pages 13-18.

⁸ Direct Testimony of Ethan Fritel at pages 31-32.

of service studies, a moderated rate design including changes across all rate elements and customer classes should be approved by the Commission. We also urge that there be no increase to the customer charge.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express our concerns regarding these Black Hills gas ratemaking proposals.

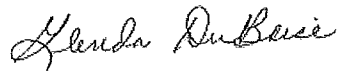
Respectfully Submitted,



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Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, KS	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
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Narrative			
06-06-2025	Please see attached letter.		

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TO KCC

REF: DOCKET 25-BACG-298-RTS

DATE 4-20-25

FROM FRED SACK
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LAWRENCE.

STATE
CORPORATION
COMMISSION

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS
AND
CONSUMER PROTECTION

DEAR KCC IF YOU FIND A NEED
TO RAISE THE RATE, PLEASE PUT IT
ON THE GAS USED - THE FEE FOR GAS
SERVICE, CHARGES THE PERSON HEATING 400 sqft
THE SAME AS 2000 sqft. NOT FAIR

PUT ANY INCREASE ON THE PRODUCT NOT
THE SERVICE -

THANKS

Fred Sack



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06-06-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Donna Mosby	Home Phone	
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Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Emporia, 66801	Email	grannyjac567@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-06-2025	Please consider the people on a fixed income already struggling to pay their bills. Thanks!		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-07-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Chris Oborny	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Dodge City, 67801	Email	
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-07-2025	So when I received the post card notice of Black Hills Energy requesting to jack up the rates, I decided to research what the top executives at Black Hills earn in a year and wouldn't you know, they all make extremely high salaries. For 2024, the top individual made \$5.8 million, 2nd individual made \$1.35 million, third made a little over a \$1 million, fourth made \$1.67 million, and the fifth made \$1.4 million. In my opinion there is no job in the world worth more than \$500,000/year. So, if those top individuals' salaries and compensation was cut back to \$500,000/year, which is more than enough to live on, Black Hills Energy would save \$8.72 million/year and that would be half of their proposed increase of \$17.2 million. So before they stick it to the consumers, how about those rich executives take a pay cut and live like the rest of us. They ain't worth that much. Besides, they haven't even finished sticking us for Winter Storm Uri back in 2021 and we've been paying on that for more than 3 years now. These big monopoly companies need to do what every household in America is doing; make some cuts and they can start with those top 5 individuals' salaries before burdening the consumers even more.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-07-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Brett Tucker	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Garnett, 66032	Email	bwtucker59@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-07-2025	I pay utilities to the city! Yet evergy is only concerned about profits not customers, the fail to keep up infrastructure and ask for rate increases, while the government subsidies are helping pay for green energy! Do not approve the rate increases Kansans can't afford it!		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-08-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Topeka, 66617		
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Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	rev.lisalujan63@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-08-2025	I understand rate increases are necessary if the company is losing money, but this is so frustrating knowing what a large profit was made last year. Another option could be a set amount raise per month, like \$3. Maybe legally marijuana and use the tax revenue to help fund some of the money needed.		

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Business			Mobile Phone
Mailing Address			Work Phone
Street Address			Fax
City	Lawrence , 66049	Email	tamiagtaylor@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-08-2025	I strongly oppose the proposed rate increase. At a time when wages have remained largely stagnant for years, families are already struggling under the weight of rising housing costs and skyrocketing grocery bills. Trumps tariffs are impacting almost every area of costs for every American. Approving a rate increase now would only deepen the financial burden on households that are already stretched thin. We need relief—not more costs.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-08-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Seth Webb	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan, 66502	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-08-2025	I don't support this increase.		

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06-09-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Mackenzie Mcgee	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66044	Email	mackenziepeery@gmail.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-09-2025	I'm writing as a Lawrence resident. In a time of historic wage stagnation, inflation, and economic uncertainty, it's unconscionable for Black Hills Energy to increase rates at all, much less by such a large percentage. A quick look at Black Hills Corporation's stock price shows a consistent upward trajectory since July of 2023, demonstrating that the company is in a financially healthy position, and yet they request a rate increase of nearly twenty percent. This request for a rate increase comes not from need, but from greed. Like many customers, I have no choice in which company I get my gas from. Black Hills Energy has no competition in this market, so consumers have no choice but to shoulder the burden of this company's greed. Black Hills Energy, like the rest of us, should learn to budget better rather than squeezing customers for more profits. I urge the Commission to think of their constituents and deny this rate increase.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
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Name	Stephanie Mcguire		
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Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita, 67235		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	stephaniemcguire@live.com		
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-10-2025	Please don't allow Evergy to hike up the prices at this time. Prices are already way up and there are no alternatives for people to change to another provider. This will be a huge hardship on many people and Evergy chose a lousy time asking for this. I say no.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-11-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Leavenworth, 66048		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	atayiem@yahoo.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	S	
Narrative			
06-11-2025	I think the increase of 8.62 is too much , may be 4-5% is more affordable Thank you		

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06-11-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Salina, 67401		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	prairiewhistler@cox.net		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-11-2025	With Trump taking away any kind of help for those who are financially compromised, I find this need to give the shareholders an increase incredibly tone-deaf at this time.		

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06-11-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
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Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66046	Email	laura.rayome@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-11-2025	Everything seems to be going up but my pay. Between the proposed Evergy increases and the proposed Black Hills increase I have a hard time making it work anymore. I don't have a choice in service. Why did Black Hills incur those costs without capital in hand? That's what I have to do in my household. Kansans are getting fleeced!		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-11-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Callie Becraft	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Pittsburg,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-11-2025	My comment: As a residential customer of Evergy, I strongly oppose the proposed 15% increase to electric rates. This rate hike would impose an unnecessary and disproportionate financial burden on households already facing rising costs in nearly every area of daily life. Reliable electricity is a basic necessity—not a luxury—and it should not be priced beyond reach. Many of us are doing everything we can to conserve energy and reduce consumption, yet we are continually asked to pay more without clear, measurable benefits in return. I urge the Commission to reject Evergy’s proposal and to prioritize affordability, fairness, and transparency for Kansas consumers.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131765
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-12-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Doug Byarlay	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Salina, 67401	Email	jdadoug1300@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-12-2025	Take the money you fat cats get and use it for your recovery cost . I'm tired of the rates being raised every year. It wasn't like that when it was KP&L. You've got your monopoly now and you think that you can keep raising the rates all the time. Take it out of your paycheck, not mine!		

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06-12-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Bonnie Johnson	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Bonner Springs, 66012	Email	bonnie@bigdtransport.com
Docket Opinion		Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
Company ID	Docket Number		
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-12-2025	I am opposing the proposed rate increase of \$13.05+/- per month. That is a BIG hike for those of us on a tight budget. I recently had major surgery and plastic surgery due to a large patch of skin cancer on my face. The medical bills keep piling up and a hike this large is another \$150+ on our budget. I understand that you need to raise the rates a little, but not to this extent. I ask that you keep people's budgets in mind at this time, with the uncertainty of the economy and the very high cost of living. Thank you so much for the opportunity to share our opinion. Bonnie Johnson (new Evergy customer - recently moved to area)		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131794
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-13-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Timothy Trulik	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Wichita, 67217	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-13-2025	Your nearly constant rate increases are disguising and pure greed. This company already holds a monopoly over me and every resident. I cannot choose my power, I wish I could. Pray tell how much energy those idled wind turbines would generate I see daily. How much power you sell out of state. No increases, in fact, I deserve a substantial cut in my bill. Fire sme VPs if you have to and slash the CEI pay. You guys act like a non prophet, but operate opposite. As far as I'm concerned, all power and gas should be managed by the state they reside, for the state and people. Not investors.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131797	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-13-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Eric Peterson	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan , 66503	Email	ec.peterson2018@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-13-2025	There is no need to pass the fees on to the customer. Corporations are big enough to absorb the rising costs. Take it out of the shareholders profits for once. This is the cost of doing business, and customers shouldn't have to suffer for a basic need.		

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06-14-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Candy Clark	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Arkansas City, 67005	Email	mzcandyclark@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-14-2025	Your corporation needs to make cuts at the TOP -- that means your CEO's paychecks, etc. We customers are stretched way too thin as it is. Most of us are barely getting by.		

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06-16-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Pamela Rumback		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Wichita, 67205		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	p.srum811@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-16-2025	Why does Black Hills need to advertise in the area? We have no other option for natural gas. Stop the advertising and maybe look at shareholder payouts and executive bonuses to get the money they supposedly require for these upgrades. People are at a breaking point and are truly tired of being nickeled and dined to cover all of these projects they want to do.		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Susan Grillo	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Salina, 67401	Email	susanlg55@hotmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-17-2025	You request a rate increase all the time. I am barely able to pay all my costs of living and you just keep chipping away at any money I have left for basic essentials. Your profits keep going up year after year and your customers are expected to cover all your costs while our quality of life keeps going down. I am just fed up with the greed this utility company shows to its customers! Enough is enough and you do not deserve any rate increase!		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131853
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-17-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Della Yoder		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Garden City, 67846		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	dellasr@ymail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-17-2025	I have no problem with Black Hills increasing the monthly amount of the money that will be charged to each resident, but I think 17.6% is too high. Have you considered that the elderly, low income, single mothers and handicapped may have problems paying for natural gas now and will have no way to pay for such an increase? I respectfully think that the increase is too high and should be lowered to a smaller amount.		

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06-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Vicki Julian	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66047	Email	vickijulian@sunflower.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-18-2025	Before granting such a significant increase, I think the need must be clearly shown. Last winter I used 4 less therms one month and paid \$20 more, not including the surplus charge of another \$20+ to recover costs from the recent harsh winter. (My highest bill in almost 2 decades and before replacing my HVAC system and living alone.) My thermostat remained the same at 68 degrees during the day and 60 at night. My HVAC system is just 6 years old. I believe the requested increase is too much given that we are paying significantly more for current gas and the added recuperation from a past year. Black Hills is a good utility, but the requested increase may cause a hardship on those of us who don't qualify for assistance.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131884	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	MiKayla Bond	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Manhattan, 66502	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-18-2025	Cut salaries of your higher ups. No one needs that much money. Why do they need more a month from me and my neighbors when there is money being wasted on extravagant salaries?? My husband and I make less than 55k a year and you want more a month from me?? No. [REDACTED]. EAT THE RICH		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131887	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Jackie Waggoner	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence,	Email	
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-18-2025	Tired of these small increases that collectively accumulate to an increased cost to customers already on a limited budget		

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Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	John Miller	Home Phone	
Business		Mobile Phone	
Mailing Address		Work Phone	
Street Address		Fax	
City	Lawrence, 66224	Email	83jhawk@gmail.com
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-18-2025	Everygy's rate increase request of 8.62% is approximately THREE (3) times the current rate of inflation which for the twelve months ending in May 2025 is 2.4%. Their request is unreasonable and EXCESSIVE as it fars exceeds the rate of inflation.		

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Account Information		Complaint ID 131903	
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-18-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Richard C Kuhlmann		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Hugoton, 67951		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email	fgcl3q@gmail.com		
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-18-2025	I live on a Fixed income. I Do Not believe Black Hills needs a price increase, on My natural gas bill. Black Hills Should learn How to Manage their finances More efficiently. We Kansans who have Limited income can't afford price increases of this much. Thank you. Richard C Kuhlmann		

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Account Information		Complaint ID	131913
Date Filed	Investigator	Notified KCC by	Consumer Class
06-19-2025	SYSTEM	H	R
Name	Tiara Hall		
Business			
Mailing Address			
Street Address			
City	Topeka ,		
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone			
Work Phone			
Fax			
Email			
Docket Opinion			
Company ID	Docket Number	Consumer Opinion	# of Petitions Signatures
BHCG	25-BHCG-298-RTS	O	
Narrative			
06-19-2025	Please hold off on Evergy's Proposal. As of right now my energy bill is the most affordable bill I Have. Please tell me what to say when it comes to convincing you to deny this proposal. I am a 1 income home. Rent, Food and Bills (EVERYTHING) is going up in price except my income These are the reasons why I'm asking you to deny this proposal right now. This is the first time I've ever had a platform to voice my opinion about prices in my life that are going up. Just wanted to say thank you		

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