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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Regarding the rate increase request
for XCEL Energy

The notice of the rate increase
effective Aug 1, 2011 I am aware of
did not reach my home until Aug. 14
when I received my bill.

Please suspend the rate increase
until such a time after the public
hearing.

Many people are unemployed. In
Sioux Falls we gave out hundreds of
back packs with school supplies for
the new school year. Also last year
we sent home many back packs of
food for the week end meals for the
needy children. Plus give away food
at the Food Party, Banquet and
several church give aways. Are
people hurting? Yes!

Medicare people have not
received an increase in Social Security
for at least 2 years either. Because of

to mention the low interest rates on investments and loss of 401 K accounts.

I feel we should not be asked to pay extra for investments in Monticello General and Generating Plant. My understanding was (per a representative of the company) that when the wind farms along Buffalo Ridge were proposed it was tied to this plant. Surely they get power from them as I was told the electricity was going to Minneapolis.

Sincerely,
Bernita Casper

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