

Dear Ms. Braun,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. We will add them to the public commentary for consideration in this docket.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 5:25 PM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC); Nelson, Chris

Subject: Excell rate increase

Please consider not approving the rate increase that Excel energy is requesting. I am disabled and live only on my Social Security Disability check. Any increase any of my expenses really is difficult for me. I have not had an increase in my Social Security since 2009. I appeal to you to consider declining this request by Excel until an increase in Social Security is approved. The increase in this expense would cause a hardship to all seniors, low income and disabled. Please feel free to contact me.

Thank you
Linda Braun