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To whom it may concern:

Please do not allow any public utility to raise their rates by 20% in one year. That is excessive, and not reasonable. Most people feel that a 2-3 % increase per year is acceptable. If Northwestern Energy has not had a contingency fund set aside to use for unexpected expenses (or a large enough one), it is not the consumer's fault. From reading articles on this, I am not quite sure why N.W.P.S. is requesting such a large increase. If they have not raised their rates in 35 years and they are still in business, that seems to indicate that they have been making excessive profits for the last several years (I am not sure what else that could indicate).

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