From: Peggy Bryant

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To: PUC-PUC < <u>PUC@state.sd.us</u>> **Subject:** [EXT] MDU rate increase

I am not sure if I am doing this correctly or not. But my name and address are.... Peggy Bryant Hoven SD 57450. My phone number is

I just want to let you know my thoughts about the MDU price increase. With the price increase that we are already paying on everything else, the MDU price increase would be an extreme hardship on almost every person that has MDU as their electric or natural gas service. I already lived paycheck to paycheck so my question is..... am I supposed to go hungry, not buy my insulin or go without other life necessity that are needed to live just so I can pay my electric bill??

The interim rate that I have been paying on my MDU bill has been causing me a hardship already. It has caused me to not buy my needed groceries and life necessity because if I bought any of these I wouldn't have had enough money to pay my MDU electric bill. I have used the Balance Billing offered through MDU and that doesn't help enough to make a difference.

Sincerely,

Peggy Bryant

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