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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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COMPLAINT

Complainant(s): (The party filing the complaint)		Respondent(s): (The person or Company complained against)	
Name	LARRY SCHNABEL	Company	MDU
Address	HCR 3 Box 6	Address	7th HAV.
City, State, Zip	EUREKA, SD 57437	City, State, Zip	EUREKA, SD
Work Phone		Contact Person	TERRY VINGOR
Home Phone	605-577-6288	Phone	284-2715

The facts giving rise to my complaint are: I have refused to pay my May MDU bill because when I received the bill it was approx. \$50⁰⁰ higher than it normally was since I closed my business and have only been using the building for storage. When I drove to Eureka and checked the store my lights didn't work, copy machine was humming & wouldn't run anymore. I contacted MDU & Terry Vinger said that's my problem in wiring. I already had checked fuses, breakers, etc. found nothing. So Terry came out and checked, when he found the problem it was a bad connection on the MDU line which had corroded, causing a shortage of electricity to be fed into my store. When I told Terry that I won't pay the excess MDU bill he said that's not his fault. But it was MDU line that had the problem. I haven't checked my bill since then and they are always about the same. ~~July~~ from 6-25 to 7-5 my daughter sold fireworks at the store so all lights were on and an extra cooler was plugged in the bill only went up to 96.67.

April bill 35.58

May bill 80.20

JUNE bill ~~30.15~~

July bill 56.67 store was being used from 6-25 to 7-5

Aug bill 37.83 cooler used for 4-H. Advancement days 8-3, 4, 5 and 8-11, 12, 13

I want my bill brought into the normal range for previous bills & copy machine checked out & repaired and/or any other damages, coolers or furance received due to surges of electricity.

Larry Schnabel