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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Dear Public Utilities Commissioners,

I am writing to express concern about the proposed rate increase for Xcel and to ask you not to approve it.

There are a great many people in the Xcel area who are low income and do not have extra cash for higher Xcel bills, for example, there are people who are on fixed incomes & not receiving any increases as they might usually receive each year. - Senior citizens, for example. There are people with job loss or hours cut, who are trying to hold on & stay in their homes.

When bills, such as electric bills, are raised it means less disposable income available for food or car repairs.

We have enough struggle already.

Sincerely,

Cathy Breschteinbauer

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