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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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To the Members of The
Public Utilities Commission:
I write to express my opposition
to the proposed rate hike for
electric services. Although I am
an Xcel customer, my primary
concern is for the many low-
income people of our State.
During South Dakota winters,
electricity translates to heat
for many. This makes electric
services essential. Such an
essential service must remain
accessible, even for those of
limited means.

Thank you for your service
to our State, and your consider-
ation of these concerns.

Sincerely,
Erin Rath

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