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A. Vargas

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Dear A. Varas,

This is in response to your letter to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding the Xcel Energy rate case currently being reviewed by the commission.

Xcel filed a rate case requesting 17.9% increase in revenue. The PUC suspended that rate increase for six months as allowed by state law, while my fellow commissioners and I, PUC staff and their expert witnesses continue to review and request further financial data from the company to determine what percentage increase we believe is required within the jurisdiction of the law.

You may wish to read through some of the documents filed in this docket to better understand the issues of the case. These can be found at PUC.sd.gov by clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2022 Electric Dockets, and scrolling down to EL22-017. The enclosed Electric Rate Increase Requests Information Guide is helpful in understanding how dockets such as these are processed by the commission within the confines of the law.

I encourage you to attend the public input meeting being hosted by the commission on Monday, Nov. 28, regarding Xcel's proposed increase in this docket. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. CST in the IIUB Auditorium at Southeast Technical College, 2001 N. Career Ave., Sioux Falls.

The letter you submitted along with your name and address and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the online docket.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson