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**Subject:** [EXT] Excel Energy Proposed Rate Increase

I am writing to object to Excel Energy's request for a rate increase. A \$20 per month increase for typical customer is unreasonable and will cause undue hardship. I also feel Excel is being disingenuous when they state in their public notice that this rate increase is necessary at the same time they are dismantling coal-fired generation, when that is the most reliable and economic generation currently viable. Adding solar and wind generation is not in the best interest of consumers if reliability and efficiency is the goal (and I think it should be).

Sincerely,

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