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**EL22-017 - In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase its Electric Rates**

I am requesting that you suspend the Xcel Energy proposed rate increase and hold a public hearing to determine whether such a rate increase should be allowed. The cost of utilities, especially at peak times, has grown immensely already.

According to the request, a 17.9% increase on 750 kWh of service is equal to \$19.58 per month. My average usage since 2018 is 891 kWh per month with highs in the summer and winter months over 1200-1300 kWh. At peak times, the rate already increases to meet the demand, soaring to over \$.090710 in July 2022, labeled as Energy Charge Summer.

These rates do not even include the surcharges added. This was July 2022 bill:

Basic Service Chg \$10.25  
Energy Charge Summer 1393 kWh \$0.090710 \$126.36  
TmissnCostRecovery 1393 kWh \$0.003245 \$4.52  
Fuel Cost Charge 1393 kWh \$0.026547 \$36.98  
DSM Factor 1393 kWh \$0.000554 \$0.77  
Infrastructure Rider 1393 kWh \$0.013361 \$18.61

The total bill was \$210.33. Surcharges accounted for 39.9% of the bill!! I'm not sure if these surcharges go through and approval process or not, but they should.

I recently completed a survey from Xcel Energy regarding their decision to move to other sources of energy. I responded then, that I believe we are moving in the wrong direction. The more sources of energy that we have including coal, gas, propane, wind, solar, etc, the better off we will be.

Thank you,  
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