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Commissioner Hanson,

I must speak up against the over 17% rate increase being sought by Xcel Energy. We the consumer have been hit with inflation on ALL sides - food, gasoline, clothing, medical insurance, medicines and every aspect of life! Those of us on Social Security will receive 8.7%. It would be a very poor management decision to allow this high rate increase with our cola allowance of 8.7% for everything! I think of a friend who receives fuel assistance. Her allotment is less than 1/4 of previous years and the costs have climbed to unseen heights! \$700 for a single 75 yr old woman for the heating season is a crime against the aged! Please look at the needs of we the people of South Dakota. Be our voice of reason! Thank you for you work on the PUC and your time to read this. May God guide you and all members of the PUC.

Regards,
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