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From:

Date: Mon, Nov 14, 2022, 2:27 PM

Subject: Fwd: PUC public input meeting regarding proposed Xcel rate increase, Nov. 28, in Sioux Falls To: Kristie Fiegen

Hi Kristie

First, how are you doing?

On a professional note. I wanted to ask that you hear from me that the high rate hike proposed from Xcel energy is really going to hurt alot of elderly and people dealing with all these raising costs and all. I cannot attend this meeting as I can barely stand and walking is hard. There is no way to get there or sit or stand that long to voice my concern. I know most of my friends are dealing with similar situations. The inflated valuation of the houses and now the increase in everything from groceries to gas and it is about more than most of us can handle. I turned 75 on Oct 23rd and still work six days a week to afford my home however covid has done a huge number on my work and my acct receivable has declined steady the past three years.

So while I wanted to say Hi to you and check on you, I also to check on you but please know the feeling of the effects any cost increase will have on so many of us. Bet you are going to be glad to see the New year come, aren't you? Blessings and prayers

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Patty Hartman

-----Original Message-----From: PUC Admin To: EL22-017 Commenters Sent: Mon, Nov 14, 2022 1:30 pm Subject: PUC public input meeting regarding proposed Xcel rate increase, Nov. 28, in Sioux Falls

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input meeting in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, to hear comments and questions about Xcel Energy's proposed electric rate increase. The public meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. CST in the HUB Auditorium at Southeast Technical College, 2001 N. Career Ave., and adjourn at the conclusion of comments and questions from all persons who arrive before 8:30 p.m.

PUC Commissioners Chris Nelson, Kristie Fiegen and Gary Hanson will be present to hear comments from the public. While state law does not require the PUC to hold a public input meeting, nor does it require Xcel to participate in the meeting, the commission has requested company officials be present and fully participate. Xcel representatives will offer a presentation about their rate request filed with the PUC, after which interested customers will have the opportunity to state their comments.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the commission at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. To contact the commission, email <u>puc@state.sd.us</u> or call (605) 773-3201.

For more information about Xcel Energy's electric rate increase request and related filings submitted to the commission, visit the online docket on the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website: <u>EL22</u>-<u>017</u>– In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase its Electric Rates.