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Subject: [EXT] Comments on Excel Energy Proposed Increase

We have been customers of Excel for many years here in South Dakota. Like 49 years! We are a senior couple who watch our electric use closely. Our thought is that Excel and previously NSP, have been on the more expensive side compared to neighbors and friends who are fortunate enough to get their power from other sources. And now they want what?

An increase of the amount requested by Excel is unthinkable for most of us South Dakotans to absorb in our budgets. Even half that amount is not acceptable. Please look carefully at their documents they've submitted to support this. It feels as though responsibility for some of the Excel missteps is being foisted on South Dakotans disproportionately to other states.

Thanks for your time.

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