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Subject: [EXT] Concerns re: Docket # EL22-017

Good morning, Commisioners.

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen who utilizes Xcel Energy as my residential power provider. I recently learned that Xcel Energy is proposing a nearly 20% rate increase starting Jan 1, 2023. As you can imagine, this significant rate hike will very negatively affect hard-working South Dakotans, who are already counting pennies to make ends meet.

Please suspend this rate increase and hold a public hearing to determine whether or not such a large increase should be allowed.

Sincerely,
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