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I am writing to you about the proposed rate increase by Excel Energy. I know that all costs are rising but I believe that a 19.75 rate increase is excessive. Consumers are having a hard time with gas and grocery prices and to be hit with another huge price increase is too much. I know that my social security check isn't going to increase that much. So many people are going to have to choose between eating, getting to work and keeping warm.

Please do not let this large of an increase occur.

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