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To: PUC-PUC < <u>PUC@state.sd.us</u>> Subject: [EXT] Case EL22-017

PUC,

The Xcel rate increase proposal is extremely too high at almost 18% on top of what are already high rates.

Please vote to reject their proposal. Not beneficial to consumers and way too expensive.

We moved to an Xcel area about 5 years ago. Our house is 8 years newer with much better appliances and insulation and our electrical bills have been 20-25% higher than our older house with older, less efficient appliances. I am frustrated every time I get an Xcel bill in the mail because of the cost. I can't say our service is any better or worse than our previous provider, which happened to be Southeastern Electric Coop.

Thank you

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