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Mr. Neufeld,

This is in response to your email regarding the Xcel Energy rate case currently being reviewed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Xcel filed a rate case requesting a 17.9% increase in revenue. The PUC suspended that rate increase for six months as allowed by state law while this docket is being reviewed by PUC staff and their expert witnesses, my fellow commissioners and me. Additional financial data and other information is being requested of the company and reviewed during this time to determine what percentage increase, if any, is required and justified by law.

You may wish to read through the documents filed in this docket to better understand the issues of the case. These can be found in the [EL22-017](#) docket. This [Information Guide to Electric Rate Increase Requests](#) may also be helpful in understanding how dockets such as these are processed by the commission within the confines of the law.

Thank you for reaching out to share your concerns. Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the online docket.

Chris Nelson, Chairman  
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