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Dear PUC,

As you know Xcel Energy applied for a rate increase in June 2022. In January of 2023 they started to charge their South Dakota customers an Interim Rate Adjustment. When I recently spoke with Xcel, they told they don't have an estimated timeframe for an answer from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission but when they do they will settle up as the new rate will be applied back to January. I have a few questions and comments about this.

1. I guess this is legal but how can they charge for something that isn't approved and how can they back date the rate?
2. What happens to the interest on the money they have collected during this time if the rate increase is not approved or not approved at the rate that Xcel is requesting or not effective on January 2023 as they have requested?
3. Our personal bill has increased about \$20 a month. For this month that equals about a 50% rate increase. While I am aware the price of everything is up, please don't approve a 50% pay rate in South Dakota electricity. I don't believe this is a fair and equitable rate increase. I am not going to get a 50% pay raise this year to compensate for such an increase.
4. My husband and I have solar panels and sell energy to Xcel that we don't use or isn't stored in our battery. I haven't seen any increase, let alone a 50% increase, in the payment from Xcel since January 2023 for the energy. How does this effect that arrangement?

By the way, your office helped us to get our residential solar panels with battery storage as Xcel customers. We are forever grateful for your help and service.

Sincerely



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