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Subject: Xcel Energy rate hike

To: Chris Nelson

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Message Body:

An 18% rate hike is a slap in the face to the average middle class working family in South Dakota. Many cannot afford this kind of increase with everything else from food, medical, and gasoline costing more. We are not like the average Xcel Energy employee who makes a 6 figure income, or in the case of Xcel Energy Executives who make over 2 million/year. Please work with your staff to reduce this rate hike to 7% or less. Their reasons are nonsense, nuclear decommissioning, building wind farms, and others. It's not like they're just starting to do these things, they have been working on them for decades. Again, poor excuses and not justifiable for an 18% rate hike.