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To whom it may concern.

I am writing to officially oppose the 18% increase of electric rates by xcel energy. Our family of four built and moved into our home in October 2017. At that time we purchased all new energy efficient appliances (washer, electric dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, gas stove and electric water heater) and went with LED lighting throughout. We keep the thermostat at 69 in the winter and 78 in the summer. We are also signed up for the Saver's Switch. I am shocked at the increase of electric costs through the last years as nothing has changed at our home - same appliances, same people, same electrical use.

	January	February
2018	\$226	\$246
2019	\$234	\$234
2020	\$292	\$207
2021	\$346	\$268
2022	\$356	\$338
2023	\$432	\$439

Thank you for taking the time to reconsidering this increase,  
Nicole