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Subject: Excel energy Proposed Rate Increase

Good Morning,

I am calling on the PUC to hold a public hearing on Excel's requested rate hike of nearly 20%. With inflation running rampant this is the wrong time to hit consumers for a 20% rate hike on a service that is essential, not discretionary.

I'm adamantly opposed to Excel being allowed to increase their service rate. Their service is abysmal as it is (6 outages this year all over 5 hours and one lasted three days. Another lasted 13 hours when it was -21 below). This is the dependability of service they can provide and still be allowed to increase rates 20%? That is a joke. Hold a hearing on this proposed rate hike and then deny their request.

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