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Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 7:47 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Xcel energy rate increase request

To Whom it May Concern,

Excel Energy should not be afforded the ability to level a nearly 20 percent increase in rate hikes to their customers in South Dakota. Having been an xcel energy customer for twenty years, I can honestly attest that there may be no worse utility provider in America, let alone South Dakota. Calling their service unreliable would be too much of a compliment. The sheer number of outages we have to endure every year being on Xcel Energy's grid is laughable. I use generators so much that I have to change their oil two times a year. It's a joke. Inflation is sky high and consumers are already getting nickel and dimed at every turn by nearly every company and corporation. It is my sincere hope that the commission will look out for South Dakota consumers and deny this offensive rate increase request and negotiate a rate that is fair and reasonable. Please deny Excel Energy's request for this egregious rate hike.

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