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Chairman Gary Hanson and Commissioners,

I am submitting this as a supplement to my public comment filed February 18, 2026.

Since filing that comment, I have gathered additional information from family members across Sioux Falls. What I found demands immediate attention.

The Data:

Family Member	Zip Code	Bill Increase	Location
Ignacio Velazquez	57107	Hundreds	West Side
Son #1	57106	Hundreds	West Side
Son #2	57106	Hundreds	West Side
Brother's Mother-in-Law	57106	Hundreds	West Side
Brother	57104	No increase	Midtown
Sister	57105	No increase	South/Central

What This Shows:

Xcel Energy's rate increases are NOT being applied uniformly across Sioux Falls. Residential customers on the west side (57106, 57107) are seeing bills spike by hundreds of dollars. Customers in other parts of the city are seeing no change at all.

This is exactly the kind of "unreasonable prejudice" that South Dakota law prohibits. If this were a system-wide fuel cost or interim rate increase, every customer in every zip code would be affected equally. They are not.

I am formally requesting:

1. An explanation from Xcel Energy, under oath, for why rate increases are being applied unevenly by geographic area.
2. A copy of the Commission's own analysis showing how rate increases are allocated across residential customers by zip code or service district.
3. An immediate investigation into whether west side residents are being disproportionately burdened to subsidize grid stability for other parts of the city—or worse, whether Xcel is "testing" rate increases on neighborhoods they believe will not organize or fight back.

This is no longer about one high bill. This is about a pattern of discrimination by geography. I expect the Commission to treat it as such.

Respectfully,

Ignacio Velazquez