

**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2026 8:53 AM

**To:** 'LethalxSzn' [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Public Comment – Docket EL25-024 (Xcel Energy Rate Increase)

Mr. Velazquez:

Thank you for sharing your comments with the Public Utilities Commission. The Commission is currently conducting a formal proceeding to review Xcel Energy's rates. Docket [EL25-024](#) - In the Matter of the Application of Northern States Power Company dba Xcel Energy for Authority to Increase its Electric Rates was opened on June 30, 2025. This proceeding is examining the issues you raised.

The Commission's [Electric Rate Increase Request Info Guide](#), available on the PUC website, provides an overview of the process the Commission follows when considering a rate increase request. Your concerns numbered 1-3 fall within the types of issues that are thoroughly analyzed through this process.

I understand that PUC consumer affairs staff previously responded to your inquiry and that you still have questions. A member of the PUC staff legal team will respond separately regarding concern No. 4.

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Your comments and this response will be posted in the "Comments and Responses" section of the docket. We appreciate your engagement and encourage you to follow the docket as it progresses.

*Chris Nelson, Chairman  
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