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Subject: [EXT] Xcel Energy Electrical Rate increase

Good morning Honorable Public Utility Commission Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the Xcel Energy proposed rate increase of 15% agenda item.

I am strongly opposed to this exorbitant increase. I own a small home located at 1000 West 5th Street, and while I am a lawyer I am not flush with cash and this amount would make a significant difference in my monthly ability to pay my bills.

I am most likely also speaking for hundreds of people who are not writing you who are elderly, on fixed incomes working multiple jobs or both.

Please seriously consider denying this request for a huge rate increase due to the negative impact that it will have on the consumers. It would be different if the consumer had multiple options to choose a different provider but we do not and therefore have no where else to turn in this untenable situation.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please advise.

With best regards, Theresa M. Maule Maule Law Office, Inc.

