

From: PUC
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 4:59 PM
To: Theresa Maule [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXT] Xcel Energy Electrical Rate increase

Thank you for your communication regarding your concerns with Xcel Energy's requested electric utility rate increase, docket [EL25-024](#), filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on June 30, 2025.

The docket is currently being reviewed by commission analysts and a commission attorney. Many rounds of discovery will be asked by this staff team and their expert witnesses, and the answers provided by Xcel will be analyzed. This group of staff with experts is a formal party to the docket, separate from the commissioners and staff advisors that provide counsel to commissioners on dockets. Rate cases such as this require six months to one year before the commission and separate staff team with experts have fully reviewed the case as presented by the utility with analysis provided by the staff team. Once this in-depth review process is completed, commissioners will publicly ask further questions and discuss the details of the case and finally, each commissioner will vote on whether to approve the increase, deny the increase or reduce the increase requested based on the evidence presented. Commissioners are prohibited to say no to any rate increase request filed in accordance with the law without first fully vetting the facts and reasoning for the request and are required to arrive at a reasonable and legally enforceable decision.

This [Electric Rate Increase Request Information Guide](#) posted online helps explain the commission's processing of a rate case such as this.

Given your interest in Xcel's rate case, you are encouraged to read through some of the documents filed in this docket to better understand the issues of the case.

Your email and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the online docket.

Gary Hanson, Chairman
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