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As the operations manager for the Tea Area School District, I understand that a potential negotiated settlement has been proposed to the commissioners to the tune of an almost 9% increase in electrical rates for Xcel Energy. As I am sure you are aware the state legislature increased the state aid to education by 1.25%. How are we supposed to make ends meet when one of the largest expenses that we have as a district other than salaries and benefits is our electrical costs. It will be extremely difficult to stretch that 1.25% increase to cover a 9% increase in electrical rates. With the large number of school districts in the state served by Xcel Energy, please take this into consideration when you wrestle with this increase. Thank you.

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