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May 3, 2013

Commissioner Hanson,

I am writing again regarding my concerns with Xcel Energy's request for a rate increase. I find it mind boggling as to the effects this rate increase would have on our community and economy if it were to happen. Their labor rates should be compared to all other electric companies which I feel should be a major factor in the decision making process. This company should monitor their costs more effectively, as well as make necessary cut backs to maintain their customer relationships.

I once again implore you to please decline this rate increase request for economy and community peace of mind.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Aanenson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dennis Aanenson