

Commissioner Gary Hanson,

NOV-24-2014

This letter is addressing the 8% increase that Excel is requesting.

On Friday NOV. 22, the Argus leader address the 8% increase.

I'm retired - NO Cola for the last three years. This year (2014) I received 1.3 increase. Inflation rate is about 8% increase.

If I can't pay, Excel will shut the electricity off. I'm right?

Just think how many senior citizens will be affected by this rate, If it goes thru.

Correct me if I'm wrong; Excel received an increase of about 5% three years ago. (about)

I moved to Sioux Falls twelve years ago. My Excel bill was \$63 a month (Budget plan). Now with Excel getting to raise rates I'm now paying \$85.93 each month (Budget plan).

I've replaced every electric appliance in the house. Wash, dryer, microwave, Refrigerator, dishwasher. All T.V.s. Replace lights with fluorescent bulbs and my bill is still high! Not use more electricity. Just high rates.

Just two people live here, my wife & me. Oh - new furnace also efficient Lennox.

Rates go up - never down or stay the same.

I'm asking you, a Utility Commissioner to stop these rates hikes. The record speaks for what has happened in the past, you Commissioner say yes. you allow rate hikes!

They make profit - They can borrow money for projects. Every day people have to borrow money.

Please give this a very serious thought, Senior citizens can't pay these high rates. Enough is Enough!!!

Please reply!

Bill rate - B114-058

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