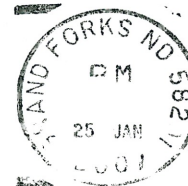




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Commissioners:

I am totally shocked at the recent rate increase requested by Xcel Energy that appeared in the Grand Forks Herald this past December 16th.

I happened to come across a previous statement from Xcel with a due date of June 4, 2004 (copy enclosed) and also have enclosed a copy for comparison with a due date of February 6, 2007.

In 2004 the cost of a therm .5899-today we are charged .9067-nearly double in less than 3 years.

What is totally ridiculous is the increased charges by Xcel for delivery services for natural gas every month-even though I don't use any gas during the summer.

Even noted is the increased charges for electrical energy service. It appears that Xcel has been given an open check to increase their rates excessively.

On channel 11, evening news with Charlie Johnson, last Tuesday-January 23rd., he stated that gas reserves are up 12% and the the natural gas charges are the highest they have been in the last 5 years.

It seems to me that there is some price gouging going along with excessive delivery service fees by Xcel and I strongly urge a NO vote to their request for a rate increase.

Rather they should be ordered to reduce their charges for gas and delivery fees.

Thanks for your attention.

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(NOTE)

When we shop at target, Walmart or any other business we don't have a service charge added. This is only extra profit for Excel Energy.

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Northern States Power Company

Please Return This Portion With Your Payment

Your Account Number	Date Due	Please Pay	Amount Enclosed
51-6849406-4	02/06/2007	\$384.59 Thank You!	

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Billing Summary

Residential	
Previous Balance 12/05	\$260.85
Payment Received as of 01/09	\$50.00 CR
Balance As Of 01/09	\$210.85
Current Energy Charges 01/09	\$173.74
Total	\$384.59

Averages for Billing Period	This Year	Last Year
Average Temperature	29*	23
Electric/kwh per Day	33.1	46.8
Cost per Day	\$2.44	\$3.35
Gas/therms per Day	2.3	2.4
Cost per Day	\$2.67	\$3.27

* 6 Degrees Warmer

Current Charges

Electric Charges Usage Period: 12/05/06 to 01/08/07		Meter Reading Information	
Invoice # 153651675		Meter #000002091869	
Residential Service 34 Days		Total Energy-kWh	
Basic Service Chg	\$5.50	Company Reading on 01/08	69788
Fuel Clause Adj 1127 @ \$0.014055	\$15.84	Company Reading on 12/05	68661
Energy Charge Winter 127 kWh @ \$0.045100	\$5.73	Total Usage in 34 Days	kWh 1127
Energy Charge Winter 1000 kWh @ \$0.054200	\$54.20		
Subtotal	\$81.27		
City Fees @2.00%	\$1.63		
Total Amount	\$82.90		

Gas Charges Usage Period: 12/05/06 to 01/08/07		Meter Reading Information	
Heat Content Adjustment 79 ccf x 1.0005 = 79 therms		Meter #000000408201	
Invoice # 73398758		Total CCF	
Residential Service 34 Days		Company Reading on 01/08	2926
Delivery Services Chg	\$15.69	Company Reading on 12/05	2847
Cost Of Gas 79 therms @ \$0.906708	\$71.63	Total Usage in 34 Days	ccf 79
Subtotal	\$87.32		
City Fees @2.00%	\$1.74		
State Tax @2.00%	\$1.78		
Total Amount	\$90.84		



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02/09/07	02/06/2007	\$384.59

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Your Account Number
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06/04/2004	\$80.42 Thank You!	

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Moving? Be sure to call Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999 three weeks ahead of time to discontinue your old service and arrange for new.

Billing Summary

Residential	
Previous Balance 04/07	\$100.15
Payment Received As Of 05/04	\$100.15CR
Balance As Of 05/07	\$0.00
Current Energy Charges 05/07	\$80.42
Total	\$80.42

Averages for Billing Period	This Year	Last Year
Average Temperature	46*	47
Electric/kwh per Day	25.3	25.0
Cost per Day	\$1.62	\$1.59
Gas/therms per Day	1.2	.9
Cost per Day	\$1.06	\$0.81

* 1 Degree Colder

Current Charges

Electric Charges Usage Period: 04/06/04 to 05/06/04		Meter Reading Information	
Residential Service 30 Days		Meter #0002091869	
Basic Service Charge	\$4.00	Company Reading on 05/06	38975
Energy Charge - Winter 758 kwh @ \$.054100	\$41.01	Company Reading on 04/06	38217
Fuel Clause Adjustment 758 kwh @ \$.003580	\$2.71	Total	30 Days kwh 758
Subtotal	\$47.72		
City Fees @ 2.00 %	\$9.95		
Total Amount	\$48.67		
Gas Charges Usage Period: 04/06/04 to 05/06/04		Meter Reading Information	
Residential Service 30 Days		Meter #0000408201	
Basic Service Charge	\$5.50	Company Reading on 05/06	1645
Distribution Charge 35 therms @ \$.124800	\$4.37	Company Reading on 04/06	1610
Cost Of Gas 35 therms @ \$.589968	\$20.65	Total	30 Days ccf 35
Subtotal	\$30.52		
City Fees @ 2.00 %	\$6.10		
State Tax @ 2.00 %	\$6.62		
Total Amount	\$31.75		



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