

ND Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept 408
Bismarck,ND 58505-0480



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 redicious is the increased charges by Xcel for delivery services for natural gas every month-even thou 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 excessivly.

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.

Dudley Benson
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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.



Northern States Power Company

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With Your Payment

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51-6849406-4	02/06/2007	\$384.59 Thank You!	

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 Please Call: (800) 895-4999 Northern States Power Company
 Hearing Impaired: (800) 895-4949 PO BOX 8
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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 Invoice # 153651675 Residential Service 34 Days Basic Service Chg \$5.50 Fuel Clause Adj 1127 @\$0.014055 \$15.84 Energy Charge Winter 127 kWh la 80.045100 \$5.73 Energy Charge Winter 1000 kWh @S0.054200 \$54.20 Subtotal \$81.27 City Fees @2.00% \$1.63 Total Amount \$82.90		Meter Reading Information Meter #000002091869 Total Energy-kWh Company Reading on 01/08 69788 Company Reading on 12/05 68661 Total Usage in 34 Days kWh 1127	
Gas Charges Usage Period: 12/05/06 to 81/08/07 Heat Content Adjustment 79 ccf x 1.0005 = 79 therms Invoice # 73398758 Residential Service 34 Days Delivery Services Chg \$ 15.69 Cost Of Gas 79 therms @S0.906708 \$71.63 Subtotal \$87.32 City Fees @2.00% \$1.74 State Tax @2.00% \$1.78 Total Amount \$90.84		Meter Reading Information Meter #000000408201 Total CCF Company Reading on 01/08 2926 Company Reading on 12/05 2847 Total Usage in 34 Days ccf 19	



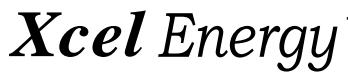
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02/09/07	02/06/2007	\$384.59

See back of bill for more information.

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Your Account Number
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With Your Payment To:

Northern States Power Company

Date Due	Please Pay	Amount Enclosed
06/04/2004	\$80.42 Thank You!	

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EAU CLAIRE WI 54702-0008*Moving? . Be sure to call Xcel Energy at 1-80071395-4999
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

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Residential Service 30 Days	
Basic Service Charge	\$4.00
Energy Charge - Winter 758 kwh @ \$.054100	\$41.01
Fuel Clause Adjustment 758 kwh @ \$.003580	\$2.71
Subtotal	\$47.72
City Fees @ 2.00 %	\$.95
Total Amount	\$48.67

Meter #0002091869			
Company Reading on 05/06	38975	
Company Reading on 04/06	38217	
Total	30 Days	kwh	758

Gas Charges Usage Period: 04/06/04 to 05/06/04**Meter Reading Information**

Residential Service 30 Days	
Basic Service Charge	\$5.50
Distribution Charge 35 therms @ \$.124800	\$4.37
Cost Of Gas 35 therms @ \$.589968	\$20.65
Subtotal	\$30.52
City Fees @ 2.00 %	\$.61
State Tax @ 2.00	\$.62
Total Amount	\$31.75

Meter #0000408201			
Company Reading on 05/06	1645	
Company Reading on 04/06	1610	
Total	30 Days	ccf	35

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06/08/2004	06/04/2004	\$80.42

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December 22, 2006

Dear:

Thank you for your comments on Xcel Energy's recent natural gas rate increase application.

Copies of your letter have been given to each of the commissioners. We appreciate your interest and will place your letter in the Public Input file associated with this proceeding.

The Technical and Public Input Hearings have not been scheduled yet. However, if you are interested in attending either of these hearings, you can watch the newspapers because the hearings will be published. Or you can call us in a few weeks and request a copy of the notice.

Sincerely,

Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division

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