

**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **PSC Schedules Public Input Sessions for Proposed Xcel Natural Gas Rate Increase**

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold two public input sessions on Monday July 29, which will allow participants to view the sessions and provide comments in person or virtually. The sessions will be an opportunity for Xcel Energy natural gas customers to provide comments regarding a request for an increase to their natural gas rates.

During the sessions, officials from Xcel will provide a presentation regarding their proposal and then public comments will be taken. The proposed increase would result in an annual increase in its North Dakota natural gas service revenue of approximately \$8.5 million or 9.4 percent. The proposed rate increase would affect rates for all of Xcel’s retail natural gas customers in North Dakota.

**Details for viewing/listening to the public input sessions are as follows:**

- **Monday, July 29, 2024 – Noon and 5:30 p.m. Central (12<sup>th</sup> Floor State Capitol)**
- **View the hearing online: <https://psc.nd.gov/public/meetings/live.php>**

**Public Input:** The Commission will receive comments through the following methods:

- In Person – North Dakota State Capitol, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Commission Hearing Room (600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505)
- Written – Written comments may be submitted via e-mail at any time by sending to [ndpsc@nd.gov](mailto:ndpsc@nd.gov) or by mail addressed to: Public Service Commission, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505.
- Telephone – Comments may be given via phone during the public input sessions by calling **1-888-585-9008 Room Code 671-872-185.**
- Virtually/Video Conference – Input may be given via video conference at the following link during the public input sessions using this link: <https://meet.goto.com/338053229>

Public input sessions are not considered part of the formal technical hearing, but the PSC Commissioners will be attending and using the information gathered at the sessions to identify areas of concern that may require further investigation during the formal technical hearing.

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