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Should the Commission approve this recovery rider?	Answer	User ID	Replies	Time Posted
	<p>it's difficult to discern exactly what part of the PUC I should address but here goes...I received my Xcel bill today. last year in the current month I used 29.4 kWh of Xcel energy. this year I used 22.2 kWh of Xcel energy, a significant decrease in kWh usage. The cost of the electricity in 2013 was \$3.92/unit. The cost of the energy this year was \$3.03 per unit of energy. My bill in June was \$60. The bill for July is \$90.00. Explain to customers how a recovery of fees rider overrides actual costs and why if the unit cost decreases, and usage decreases, how the consumer's bill can go up. It's my personal opinion that Xcel projects revenue increases outward rather than real cost increases it experiences. notwithstanding what I've just described, I believe it's the job of the PUtilities Commission to do workarounds so that every/or nearly every energy company can justify rate increases without sound, empirical data behind them. I request that the PU commission address these phantom argument issues. best regards, Julie Stroeve</p>	J.A. Stroeve	0	2014-07-22 23:31:52 UTC