



## NEWS RELEASE

July 23, 2009  
For immediate release

News Release Contact:  
Terry Bote, 303-894-2827

### **PUC TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON XCEL ELECTRIC RATE REQUEST**

DENVER – The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will receive public comment on Wednesday, Aug. 5, on a proposal by Xcel Energy to increase electric base rates by \$180.2 million. The public hearing will be from 4-6 p.m. in Hearing Room A at the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, in Denver.

The proposal would raise residential bills by \$4.98 per month, and small business bills by about \$5.40 per month. In its rate filing, Xcel Energy said the increase is necessary to pay for continuing investment in generation and utility operations in Colorado.

Xcel Energy is also recommending that the PUC adopt “inverted-block” rates for residential customers during the months of June through September, to promote efficient use of energy during peak periods. Under the proposal, customers would pay a lower charge for the first 500 kilowatt-hours of electricity, and a higher rate thereafter. A typical residential customer uses about 632 kilowatt-hours per month.

The company has proposed that the new rates go into effect on Jan. 1, 2010.

Depending on the number of people who sign up to speak at the public hearing, each oral statement may be limited to a certain number of minutes.

---

*DORA is dedicated to preserving the integrity of the marketplace and is committed to promoting a fair and competitive business environment in Colorado. Consumer protection is our mission.*

###