



AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

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Kristie Fiegen
Vice Chair
Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Kristie,

It was great to see you last week and I would like to reiterate my congratulations on your election to the Public Utilities Commission.

As we discussed, we are being hit hard with an increase in transmission cost recovery which has increased from \$0.000094 to \$0.003038 which is an increase of 3,200% or 32 times the previous charge. This will cost Augustana College \$30,000 over the next year. Recently I also read of an increase in base rates of 10%. This will be an additional cost that makes it difficult for us to manage our costs and prices.

We are always trying to balance our costs with tuition and these cost increases make it more difficult to ensure that tuition remains affordable.

Your help in making sure costs are fair and reasonable is appreciated.

Thanks again

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