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Utility Company Scam Targeting South Dakota Consumers

PIERRE, S.D – Attorney General Marty Jackley is warning South Dakota consumers to be cautious of callers claiming to be with local utility companies and threatening to turn off their electricity. The caller argues that these accounts are past due and without immediate action the utilities will be shut off.

"If you receive a phone call claiming your utility bill is past due, hang up and call your local utility company directly and ask about the status of your account," said Jackley. "These callers can be convincing and make it easy to believe that an outstanding debt exists."

If you have been a victim of one of this scam or need any additional information contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-300-1986 or consumerhelp@state.sd.us.