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WASHINGTON, D.C. - At the request of Senator Bob Dole (R.-KANS), James Gill, a representative of the U.S. Office of Oil and Gas, will be in Kansas on Friday, July 27, to meet with Kansas government and industry officials about the continuing shortage of gas at the retail level.

The meeting comes in response to Senator Dole's letter to U.S. Oil and Gas Office Director, Duke Ligon, requesting that a representative be sent to investigate reports that Kansas was among the states hardest hit by the gas shortage. A national survey had shown that some 85 percent of the States' service stations were reporting reduced hours and days of operations.

The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday at the Downtown Topeka Ramada Inn. Attending will be representatives of Kansas service station industry and officials of state hotel, motel and restaurant trade associations along with other business leaders. The Kansas chapter of the American Automobile Association will also be represented. It was a national survey by the AAA, confirmed by reports from Kansas, which initially prompted Dole's request for the meeting.

Lt. Governor Dave Owen and State Senator Vince Moore, Chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, also plan to attend on Friday. In addition, Dole has asked the Governor to designate a representative to attend the meeting.

Anyone having an interest in the problem is invited to be present.