



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE CONTACTS FPC AND KCC ON GAS FOR HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole contacted the Federal Power Commission today in connection with his efforts to find relief for schools and hospitals in Paola and Osawatomie as well as other areas of Kansas where natural gas services may be in danger of curtailment.

Dole said he learned from the FPC that the State Corporation Commission in Kansas has authority to require continued natural gas service in some institutions where contracts have been interrupted. The Senator Monday conveyed the information in a telegram to Dale Saffels, Chairman of the Kansas State Corporation Commission.

Dole was advised by Frank Allen, an official of the FPC's Bureau of Natural Gas, "that the Kansas Corporation Commission has the authority to promulgate rules or regulations to protect against possible irreparable injury to life and property which would result from curtailment of natural gas deliveries, notwithstanding existing contractual arrangements."

Dole expressed concern about "the possible loss of service to other Kansas users in the near future." He was told that "petitions for relief may be filed with the FPC by direct customers of the affected pipeline, by the pipeline company or by the appropriate state regulatory authority but the petition would be granted only upon a showing that the extraordinary circumstances giving rise to the request cannot be alleviated through allocation of existing supplies by the distribution company or the state regulatory authority."

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