



NEWS from **U.S. Senator Bob Dole**

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Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole announced today he had learned the Federal Energy Office would grant approval Friday afternoon to his request that fuel supply reassignments be authorized for several dealers in the Colby, Kansas area.

The necessity for the supply reassignments arose when the Chief Oil Company indicated that it would no longer be able to serve its traditional customers in the Colby area. Once other suppliers in the area obtain the supply reassignments, they will be in a position to provide fuel to former Chief customers.

In a related development, Dole said he had contacted James Newman, FEO Regional Director, and had received assurances that requests for emergency fuel supplies by the municipalities of Colby, Sharon Springs and Oberlin would receive immediate approval from FEO when submitted by the State of Kansas. Fuel in these three towns is running short in the wake of a recent ice and snow storm. Dole said steps to assure continuing supplies for the three northwest Kansas communities would be initiated once formal requests from city officials are received.

Dole said he is receiving excellent co-operation from the Federal Energy Office in the effort to provide fuel for priority needs in Kansas.

