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DOLE CALLS FOR FEDERAL ACTION TO HELP REDUCE KANSAS GAS BILLS

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that he has requested the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to cut through red tape so that Kansas consumers can enjoy the benefits of a recent price cutting agreement.

Dole asked the federal agency to move quickly on a rate settlement agreement now pending before the Commission that would allow the Northwest Central Pipeline Corporation in Kansas to reduce natural gas prices by approximately thirty cents per thousand cubic feet retroactive to December 23, 1984. In a letter to FERC Chairman Raymond O'Connor, Senator Dole asked that the FERC approve the settlement agreement this month in order for the rate reduction to be retroactively included in gas bills sent by the pipeline to its customers during the first week of February.

"As Northwest Central supplies some 55% of the gas requirements in the state of Kansas, it is vitally important to our many gas consumers that their winter heating bills immediately reflect these reduced rates," Senator Dole told Chairman O'Connor. "I am confident you will agree that a rate decrease of this magnitude requires prompt attention by the Commission."