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WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 23, 1971 -- U.S. Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson and Congressman Keith Sebelius today announced the awarding of a \$703,000 REA loan to the Great Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Colby to finance 55 miles of distribution line to serve 185 new consumers.

The funds will also finance 14 miles of 69-kilovolt transmission line and related facilities, and extensive system improvements including seven miles of new tie line and conversion of eight miles of existing line to a higher capacity. The loan will also be used to install a new 2,500-kVA substation at Ruleton.

The Great Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. serves Thomas, Cheyenne, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, and Wallace counties.

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