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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAY 9, 1972 -- Senators Bob Dole, James Pearson and Congressman Keith Sebelius today sent a telegram to all members of the Federal Power Commission asking for immediate consideration of the application of Northern Natural Gas to provide natural gas to power irrigation pumps in southwest Kansas.

The Federal Power Commission issued a decision on May 2, to hold public hearings on May 23 in Washington to discuss the necessity of Northern Natural Gas Company's proposed gas sales.

Dole responded by telegram the same day saying the May 23 hearings would be "too late." He pointed out that farmers in southwestern Kansas have invested thousands of dollars in irrigation wells that are based on the use of natural gas as fuel and that the use of alternative fuels would be prohibitive.