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NATURAL GAS RESTORED TO PAOLA, OSAWATOMIE SCHOOLS

PAOLA -- Senator Bob Dole and Congressman Joe Skubitz learned today from Gas Service Company and Panhandle Eastern that natural gas would be restored to those school buildings in Paola and Osawatomie which do not have alternate heating arrangements. This will permit schools to re-open on Monday, January 14.

Senator Dole told city and school officials from the two cities, at a meeting in Paola, "Both companies have given a rapid verbal clearance on providing natural gas so that a timely announcement can be made that school will be held on Monday." Notice of the recent interruption of natural gas service to the schools was received in Dole's and Skubitz's offices on Thursday.

Both Paola and Osawatomie are in the process of adding alternate heating sources. Osawatomie expects to be completed by January 16, Paola by March 1.

If the weather should remain exceptionally cold, the Gas Service Company indicated that a further emergency request may be necessary to continue service where needed during the month of February.