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DOLE SAYS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SHOULD NOT NEGLECT MIDWEST FOR ITS HEARINGS

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS-- Senator Bob Dole has called upon the Department of Energy to revise its hearing schedule on proposed regulations to include the Midwest.

In a letter authored by Dole and signed by Senators George McGovern (D.-S.D.), Edward Zorinsky (D.-Neb.), Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R.-Kan.) and Richard Lugar (R.-Ind.), a request was made to have the DOE hold a hearing on regulations to provide some sort of profit margin relief for retailers and wholesalers of gasoline in the Midwest.

The DOE has already scheduled hearings in San Francisco on July 10 and 11, with a follow-up hearing in Washington, D.C., on July 12 and 13.

"We request that you hold an additional hearing in the Midwest at the same time," the Senators said in their letter. "This could be coordinated with the hearings on the East and West coasts. Oil marketers throughout the Midwestern states would be just as affected by such changes as those in the East and West. Midwestern dealers are experiencing the same problems as dealers in other areas. Many have expressed a desire to make their views known. However, it is impractical for most of them to travel to San Francisco or Washington. A hearing in the Midwest would provide them with an opportunity to contribute to your rule-making procedure with little additional cost or inconvenience to the Department of Energy. Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha, Chicago or an other centralized location would be acceptable."

The letter was addressed to David Bardin of the Economic Regulatory Administration of the Department of Energy.

"We really believe it is important that there be some input from the Midwest, and that the plight of our dealers not be ignored," Dole said as he announced the contents of the letter.