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## DOLE APPLAUDS FEDERAL ACTION TO LOWER KANSAS GAS BILLS

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has agreed a rate settlement which eliminates a federal roadblock to lower natural gas prices for Kansas consumers this winter.

On January 18, Dole had asked the agency to move quickly on the agreement to 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.

"Northwest Central Pipelines supplies 55 percent of the gas requirements in Kansas," said Dole. "Today's action will allow gas consumers to see rate reductions in their next bill."

"In my letter to Chairman O'Connor, I stressed the need for immediate action. I'm pleased that the Commission acted quickly," said Dole.

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