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HB HB121

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Re: HB121

Dear Mr. Bronec:

After reviewing House Bill 121 its apparent that the State of Montana is again trying to place legislation on "people owned" utilities. Mistake. As a representative of a large customer and member of the coop this could and probably will create problems in the future.

How, relating to generation via wind this bill could place extreme prejudice against ourselves and others that would like to create generation facilities. In my opinion it would solidify the Coop's stand on generation facilities that they will only follow the law rather than work with the individual customer/member by being flexible, helpful and cooperative.

This law would restrict the relationship that is and could be fostered if under the current "no-legislation or local legislation" approach toward cooperatives is maintained. If legislation is to be proposed that would mandate that coop's work with the customer/member then it should be at the local level, where the membership regulates what their cooperative should do. A broad stroke approach concerning legislation against cooperatives is the wrong thing to do and should be again handled at the local level.

Sincerely,
William S. Morris Jr.
Mayor