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Senate Energy & Telecomm. Comm.
Exhibit No. 11
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Bill No. SB 371

To: Mister Chairman, Ken Toole (D) - Chair
and Members of the Energy and Communications Committee

From: My name is Charlotte Thomas
My address is 1703 Highland Street, Helena

Re: Testimony / SB 371

February 8, 2005

I am a member of AARP Montana that has a membership of ²⁵53 million people throughout the world. Also a member of Montana Retired Educators Association, after teaching 25 years, in the state of Montana.

This afternoon I'm here to tell you that citizens are suffering from the burst of rising prices. By far, the highest increase in prices are our energy costs! In the past few months, I've talked with many persons of all ages. All of them are making negative remarks about the excessive costs of utilities - natural gas and electricity. We can't afford the increased rates! Today, I'd like to tell you about some of many friends who are having a difficult time with their energy bills.

POSTER - "SOARING ENERGY COSTS"

Charlotte -

This is the information from the Energy Poster

Name	Address	City	November	December	January
Dan Mattfeldt	849 Breckenridge	Helena	\$140.00	\$205.98	\$318.00
Charlotte Thomas	1703 Highland	Helena	\$142.24	\$222.53	\$311.11
Evelyn Newberg	6080 Goodwin Dr.	Helena	\$92.74	\$168.20	\$297.70
Lillian McCammon	1 Rodger Court	Townsend	\$166.25	\$253.02	\$197.58
Bill & Jeannette Mattfeldt	562 Broadway	Helena	\$101.00	\$142.51	\$224.42
Don & Clarice Walter	197 W. Shore Dr.	Belgrade	\$87.27	\$157.55	\$251.97
Art & Shirley McLaren	914 Laurel	Helena	\$269.22	\$352.67	\$522.60
Shirley Bennett	554 Broadway	Helena	\$130.59	\$195.07	\$349.81
Betty Lou Hoffman	2225 Alpine #A1	Helena	\$79.30	\$116.67	\$167.47
Jack & Vicki Thomas	2031 6 th . Ave. East	Helena	\$158.85	\$225.19	\$349.56