

**Statement of PPL Montana  
Before the House Natural Resources Committee  
Of the Montana House of Representatives  
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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

I am Mark Lambrecht, Manager of Regulatory Affairs for PPL Montana — a wholesale generator of electricity in Montana with 1,200 megawatts of generating capacity from coal-fired and hydroelectric facilities located throughout Montana.

PPL Montana recognizes the importance of the climate change issue. The solution for climate change lies in a multi-faceted approach that includes new power generation technology, renewable energy, energy efficiency, conservation and carbon sequestration. We support efforts to develop technologies to capture and remove carbon dioxide from plant emissions and we support initiatives to create opportunities for carbon sequestration. In fact, we're members of the Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership.

Though there is no technology available for use today that can capture and remove CO2 from flue gas, it is important to build the infrastructure and framework for sequestration—should such a technology become available in the near future.

The carbon sequestration component of House Bill 55 represents a step in the right direction for this issue. Power plants that use fossil fuels may very well look to Montana's state lands for carbon sequestration and the Montana Board of Land Commissioners should be authorized to lease them for this purpose.

PPL Montana encourages the members of the Committee to give this legislation a "do pass" recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.