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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

I am Mark Lambrecht, Manager of Regulatory Affairs for PPL Montana. PPL Montana takes its commitment to the environment very seriously – including the issue of climate change. The ultimate solution will involve national and international programs that promote new power generation technologies, renewable energy, improved energy efficiency, energy conservation and carbon sequestration.

The issue of climate change is a global issue. Any steps that the United States takes should be on a federal, not a state, level. Any program should address all sectors of the economy – power plants, industry and transportation sources. Urging Congress to examine the issue and provide or increase incentives for further development and deployment of energy efficiency programs, clean coal technologies and renewable energy technologies is a step in the right direction. Neither Montana, nor any state, can solve or have significant impact on climate change on its own.

The federal government has the appropriate resources and expertise to examine this complex issue in its entirety. For owners of fossil-fuel power plants, technology is an essential consideration. There simply is no proven, commercially viable technology available for use today that can capture and sequester carbon dioxide from existing coal-fired power plants. Further study is essential.

We also believe it is important to take the necessary steps to develop options for the continued use of Montana's coal resources in environmentally responsible ways. The coal resources we have can make Montana a vital component of a reliable and secure energy future for the country.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SJ 20.