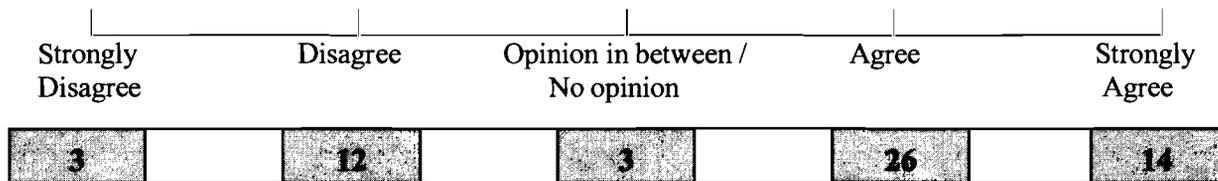


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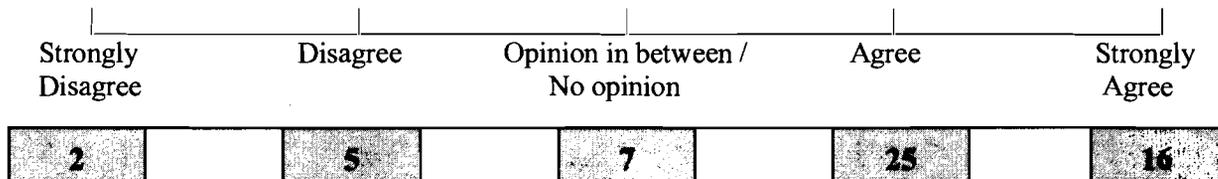
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**Survey:
 An Energy Planning and Coordinating Entity for Montana?**

(1) SJR 39 states that "the lack of a singular Montana-based entity specifically dedicated to broad planning, analysis, and evaluation of energy issues" makes it "impossible to for us to have a vision for developing the energy resources and meeting future energy needs of Montana." What do you think of this statement?



(2) There would be substantial benefits in creating an energy planning and coordinating entity for Montana. *(If agree, please state them.)*



Benefits:

ID# 2	It's always advantageous when one entity is a point of expertise and reference. Consistency and consensus results in action--if--the committee is respected and trusted.
ID# 3	Benefits would include: prioritization of energy issues; assistance in providing resources; overall support for efforts to create meaningful economic development. MT could become a significant source of energy for the country, thus creating new economic activity for families in the state.
ID# 4	MT needs a clear consistent policy to bring to bear to the [PNWER] planning processes already underway.
ID# 6	Allow for multiple interests to be considered and provide a place for public participation.
ID# 8	There is a need for coordination and for technical experts to do analysis of issues and opportunities. Benefits would be sound, well researched information on issues from energy transmission planning, to renewable energy development like wind and to determine what types of coal development there will be in the state. With the passage of the National Energy Policy Act in 2005 it is clear that energy producing states will need to produce and help meet the energy needs of the nation. A policy entity would allow for Montana to have control over that development in a positive way.