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load factor has to be 60 percent of the time so...and it has to be at least 500 kilowatts. And a lot of people may ask, well, what's 500 kilowatts? I understand a large supermarket would be about a 500-kilowatt customer.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And so, just so everybody knows what's going to be happening here, to the extent that they choose to use this as part of an economic development package...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it probably means that somebody else's rates are going to be a little bit higher in order to pay the entire electric bill of the utility. In other words, this is going to necessarily cause a shift and, in probably almost all cases, a shift to residential owners in order to accommodate this rate break. Is that fair to say or not fair to say?

SENATOR SCHROCK: It will not cause a shift to residential ratepayers. And I think what you need to realize here, we're talking about new companies. If they didn't locate here or expand here, there would be no electric load, and the bill has safeguards in it so that they have to provide the electricity at more than their cost of delivery. So I don't think it's going to affect the present ratepayers. From the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...standpoint that they may charge a lower rate, that could be passed on to other ratepayers, but now it's going to be passed on to the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Schrock. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'd just like to ask Senator Schrock if I understood. This is only from this time forward, is that right, for new industry...

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.