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this state well. Since then, the Power Review Board has put out two reports, both very positive reports on public power in this state. It would not serve the state of Nebraska well, despite what Senator Brashear has said, to sell public power. I don't believe that's what this bill is about, but I'm not an attorney. Let me tell you what happens on my farm. I don't usually do this. We have a crop consultant. He checks our cornfields and bean fields once every week. He tells us if we have a weed problem, if we have a fertility problem, or if we're not irrigating right. So we have turned the management of the insects and the fertility and the weed control of our crops over to a specialist. Is what NPPD might do here any different? They're turning the management of this facility over to a specialist. And I would tell you that if you're managing nine plants you have a lot more resources at your disposal than if you're going to manage one plant. Obviously, I couldn't afford a crop consultant all on my own farm. He probably works with 50 farmers. Is this any different? And, you know, and I appreciate what Senator Brashear says and we'll work with him on this issue, but, you know, put \$3 billion in a bank account; where are you going to invest it? Public power is a good investment in this state. I can pass out, on Select File or when this is taken up again, what our rates are compared to the states around us. I'll guarantee you our rates are about 20 percent cheaper than any state around us. So...all right. But I can pass out a sheet that will show you that our rates are much cheaper than any of the states around us, and we do not have the advantage of some of those other states. We don't have a readily available coal supply. We don't have a natural gas supply in this state. We don't have a lot of hydropower in this state. But, yet, public power in this state is cheap and affordable, and as a farmer I recognize that. Electricity is an important part of my farming operation. It runs a lot of my irrigation wells, electric power does, and I'll guarantee you if we went private my rates would go higher. I think Senator Tyson's point was well taken. The Nucor up there at Norfolk has the cheapest energy supply of any of its competing plants around in other states. So, you know, you can question public power, that's fine, but the record should stand for itself. Our electric rates in this state are cheap, affordable, and it's because of public power. Now there's some offsets, granted, but