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SENATOR SCHROCK: You are correct.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. But...and how have they treated other projects, other than mandated? Say OPPD wanted to build another power station somewhere. Would they be able to do that project this way, if we allow this? Or it would...of course, it would be just for mandated projects. From listening to you open on that, it would only be them. So...of course, we're the only public power. And other states have...there are for-profit companies that generate the electricity there. Now, I think this is a good idea. But I have concerns that it may lead to other projects within...you know, if they can do it this way, by charging the customer, it would probably just be a percentage of that electrical bill. If you have a \$300 power bill, I would imagine you're going to be paying a little more. So it would be on kilowatt-hours used, I would imagine. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I cannot answer definitely on that. I know that from my experience on irrigation power, you pay a hookup charge. So I suppose it could be on a prorate, or it could be based on a hookup charge also. So those of us who use electricity for irrigation, we pay a hookup charge. And I suppose that could be prorated, too.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Of course, we're all using any...we're all using that power. Now, whether...I would imagine the fairest way would be per kilowatt-hour, whether you have it on an irrigation well, or if I have it on one of my compressors, or on your household. I mean, it should be across the board. Is this the intention of the bill, that every consumer on that--say it's OPPD--would be treated the same way? It would be per kilowatt-hour?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Janssen, I better not say for sure. That would seem to be the fairest way. I don't know if this dictates how they charge it out. But I'm told it is based on kilowatt-hours used. So the billing (inaudible)...

SENATOR JANSSEN: So then it would be just as fair for the lower user as it would the high.