

Dear Senate IBL Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the necessity of Net Metering. Net Metering is an opportunity for the North Dakota citizens to use a natural resource of our state for the benefit of the consumer and the electrical service provider.

The citizens who would participate in a Net Metering plan will be able to provide his/her own self-produced electrical power to reduce his/her power costs. The power provider will have their power supplemented. This will reduce the need for more power plants and more complex and costly transmission lines. The self-produced power is available and the excess power produced can be sold back to the power company, reducing the citizen's power costs.

Net Metering is a win for the North Dakota citizen and a win for the power companies.

As the price of electric service increases, it is wise to look to solutions of which Net Metering is a most simple and direct solution.