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Chairman Nesbitt and other Members of the Committee I would like to thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion currently before you.

I founded and operate a radio station in the Muskegon market that has an urban/educational and public safety focus. We perform all the roles that you'd expect of a broadcast outlet in programming, but we additionally provide community organization and social services. WUVS also is the platform for exposing our youth to employment opportunities in the media business.

We have an avid interest in the deliberations that are ongoing in this committee. Yes, the utility business is of a central focus to our listeners, for young and old, for rich and poor, utility service is integral to daily life. It is equally important to our operation, and the reliability and fairness of the system, determines the success of the recovery of our region and that of the state. The level playing field must be restored, to end the subsidization of the few at a cost to the many.

How will you provide for the coming shortfall in generation assets predicted by MISO, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator? You must put our state first to insure the needs of your constituents going into the future.

Thank you.