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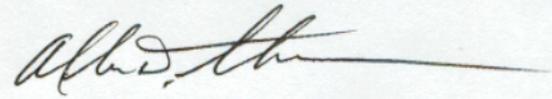
Mr. Robert Harris
Regional Manager
Upper Great Plains Region
Western Area Power Administration
2900 4th Ave. N.
Billings, Mt. 59101-1266

Dear Mr. Harris

Re: upcoming rate increase

I am writing on behalf of Lower Yellowstone REA, Sidney Mt. Our Board of Directors has voted to support the two-step version of the proposed upcoming rate increase. It appears that our cooperative will take one of the more significant rate increases because of our load factor. A two-step implementation would at least soften the blow.

Sincerely,



Allen D. Thiessen
President