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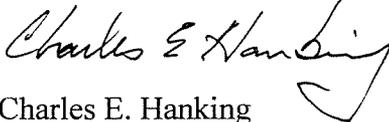
Dear Commissioners:

I want to voice my concerns as a consumer of Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative, about the request for a rate increase. First, the timing is bad. At a time when the economy is worse than it has been since the Great Depression, they want to hit us with a rate increase. They say, "Well the Board of Directors asked for it." You know as well as I do, having been around boards and trustees for the past twenty years, they do whatever the President or CEO suggests.

According to my information, the price of coal is cheaper than it was the last time they asked for a rate increase. They say, "We don't get to keep the fuel surcharge, or the environmental charge." That doesn't matter to the consumer. It is an increase in our cost for electricity.

At a time when we are bailing out banks and we hear they are going to Hawaii and spending that money, it is revolting. I know the board members go to places like Florida to have meetings. I know they pay the board members' health insurance. I know they pay board members \$200.00 to sit in a meeting then say, "We have to have more money." Why does FRECC have to advertise? We are a captive audience. Why is it necessary for them to publish a magazine? In times like these we all have to be prudent. I trust in the wisdom of the commission. Thank you.

Yours truly,


Charles E. Hanking