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I am Vice President of Pickrell Drilling company, Inc. In Wichita and Natural Gas Committee Chairman for KIOGA. The Senate Committee on Utilities will hear testimony tomorrow concerning SB No. 576. I am opposed to this proposed legislation. This bill if enacted could add expenses to gatherers that would ultimately be charged to producers in increased gathering fees. Further, this bill if passed could require producers to make their gas marketable on the gathering system before it reaches a processing plant, dehydration unit or compressor.

This is something that could cause Kansas gas to be shut-in or curtailed because wellhead gas quality is not marketable at the wellhead. While I strongly believe that Kansas gas is good for Kansas consumers whether they be agricultural, industrial, or residential, this is not good legislation for Kansas. If gatherers want to make taps for consumers, I support that. However, if a gatherer is compelled to provide a tap and provide sales to a consumer there are likely to be consequences to producers.

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