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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1115

Chairperson: Senator Amanda McGill

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2012

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Many rural Nebraska communities lack adequate natural gas pipeline capacity to meet the demand of existing or potential end-use business customers. LB 1115 provides for a streamlined, less-regulated process whereby a jurisdictional utility may implement a plan to construct rural natural gas infrastructure. Prior to constructing a natural gas facility, the jurisdictional utility shall consider factors such as economic impact to the area and economic feasibility. Following a determination of that an area is unserved or underserved, the bill contemplates a jurisdictional utility making a tariff filing with the Public Service Commission to reflect costs. Costs are then applied to customers as set forth in subsections (4), (5), and (6) of Section 8 of the bill.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Flood