

currently has only two members or two staff. One is an attorney, or a hearing examiner if you will and the other is a secretary. No technical staff exists whatsoever in regards to engineering, economics, or power supply planning, yet the Power Review Board is supposed to make determinations on whether or not new power facilities should be built. I would suggest that in itself certainly causes some problems. One certainly could raise the question how can the Power Review Board make an intelligent decision when they don't have the adequate staff. I would suggest that they can not and that is part of the problem. The Power Review Board has no teeth, the Power Review Board has no personnel, the Power Review Board does not have the expertise to make intelligent decisions. Notwithstanding that, notwithstanding that let me cite some examples and cases where certain power facilities have been built, or have been requested and then lets review exactly what has taken place upon those requests. One that certainly many of you are familiar with involves Ft. Calhoun Two where an agreement was undertaken by both OPPD and NPPD that they would build the power plant up in Ft. Calhoun. OPPD later decided that they did not want to continue their arrangement with this because of the fact that after they took a look at the situation they felt that perhaps the need was not justified. That cost figures and estimates of future needs couldn't really be justified in terms of building this structure. Ft. Calhoun Two, the next one was Great Plains which was a joint application undertaken by the City of Hastings and Grand Island. Now this application was challenged by a group of landowners. NPPD came in and testified that they were planning on building an additional facility and that this facility was not needed so the request was turned down. Third area, Gerald Gentleman Two which was build, and a challenge on that was filed by other Nebraska utilities. I want to emphasize that point. A challenge was filed by other Nebraska utilities. There has been bickering in the industry, there has been a great amount of jealousy in the industry, Senator Kremer would certainly admit to that, between different utilities rivaling each other for customers. A challenge was based on a belief that there was an excess capacity that was being built. Now I think that that point needs to be emphasized. An excess capacity that was being built, and the board found that NPPD's application was needed. Now, in looking at this three different, three different times the Power Review Board acted recently, a certain pattern merges and develops. Number one is that there has been a lack of adequate power supply planning. Utilities argue that each utility is violating the others right to serve their customers. The Power Review Board hearing is the only time that the Power Review Board begins to attempt to make a determination regarding whether or not the application