Dear:

Thank you very much for expressing your views on the $60,225,000 loan approved by the Rural Electrification Administration recently.

At the outset, I should advise you that I have always taken the position that private power development should be encouraged wherever possible and that I expect to continue this policy in the future.

In response to the point that you have raised in your letter, there is very little under the law that can be done in the particular loan to which you referred because the power is vested in the Administrator of REA. Congress appropriates a lump sum for the REA program and the Administrator specifies which applications are to be approved. The only recourse left to citizens who feel as you do in this matter at this time is to write the Indiana Public Service Commission, which must issue a certificate of convenience and necessity for the construction of the plant and the lines.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen