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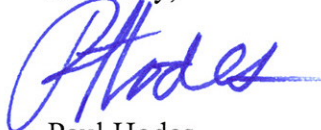
Dear Chairman Waxman:

Thank you for holding the Oversight Committee's hearing of June 26, 2008, entitled, "Governance and Financial Accountability of Rural Electric Cooperatives: The Pedernales Experience." The hearing highlighted serious concerns with a lack of transparency at the Pedernales Electric Cooperative. In the interest of better understanding the issues facing membership of rural electric cooperatives, I respectfully ask that the attached documents regarding the cooperative in my home state be added to the record for this hearing.

The New Hampshire Electric Cooperative has demonstrated a sustained commitment to integrity in management and accountability to membership. Attached is NHEC's Code of Bylaws, updated in June of 2007. This document is available on NHEC's website so its membership can view it at any time. The Cooperative's IRS form 990, which documents executive compensation, will also soon be posted on its website for the review of its membership. The final attachment, showing customer satisfaction ratings, demonstrates the success of NHEC's efforts to communicate with its members.

These documents provide an effective model of accountability to membership that can serve as an example to other rural electric cooperatives. I believe these documents will be useful to the committee as it continues to consider the situation at Pedernales. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Paul Hodes  
Member of Congress