

APPROXIMATE ANNUAL GOVERNMENT BILLINGS FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE—continued

<i>Utility</i>	<i>Billing</i>
Puget Sound Power & Light Company-----	\$719, 000
Washington Water Power Company-----	277, 000
Appalachian Power Company-----	276, 000
Monongahela Power Company-----	166, 000
Potomac Edison Company of West Virginia-----	47, 000
Wheeling Electric Company-----	12, 000
Madison Gas & Electric Company-----	263, 000
Northern States Power Company of Wisconsin-----	78, 000
Wisconsin-Michigan Power Company-----	37, 000
Wisconsin Power & Light Company-----	75, 000
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation-----	108, 000

Question. What is the annual communications bill paid by the Federal Government to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and each of its subsidiaries?

Answer. The total annual communications bill paid to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and each of its subsidiaries is approximately \$356,000,000.

(The letter and questions which follow were directed to the Bureau of the Budget by Chairman Proxmire:)

MAY 22, 1967.

HON. CHARLES L. SCHULTZE,
Director, Bureau of the Budget,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CHARLIE: At the conclusion of the hearings of the Subcommittee on Economy in Government of the Joint Economic Committee on May 16, 1967, permission was granted to the members to submit additional questions to the witnesses so the answers might be placed in the official printed hearings.

The following questions have been directed to your agency. May we have the answers for the record by May 31, 1967.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM PROXMIRE, *Chairman.*

QUESTIONS FOR BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

From: Chairman William Proxmire.

Progress is reported in reducing the amount of short-shelf-life supplies destroyed, made excess and surplus, donated, sold, etc. Can this be shown statistically? For example, how did the FY 1966 figures compare with those of FY 1965?

The subcommittee has long been interested in coordinating common activities in the Government when practicable as a means of eliminating overlapping, duplication and waste. But first we must identify common activities. Secretary McNamara has special authority to organize and operate common supply and service activities. Some notable achievements have been made in the DOD. It would seem that a similar effort should be made government wide in many areas—poverty programs, construction, conservation, communications, hospital management, lending activities, health programs, aging, geodetic and other surveys, etc. The GAO has recently reported on military recruiting, timber appraisals, and on some types of construction.

Has the BOB attempted to identify and analyze the many common-type activities in the Government? Do you have a listing of these? If so supply.

In developing the National Supply System, we are advised that the procurement of certain items will be transferred from civilian procurement to the DOD and vice versa. When this is done will the differential policy under the Buy American Act of the transferor or transferee agency be utilized?

With respect to the use of differentials under the Buy American Act, is the Budget Bureau's primary concern about "balance of payments" or "balancing the budget"?

From: Representative Thomas B. Curtis.

Last year we had a discussion as to the use of the 'pumpkin fund' in the DOD to finance sales operations. Under authority in the DOD Appropriation Act, the receipts from sales of surplus property are used to finance sales and preparation