

Mr. BROTZMAN. Right. I listened to your answer. I know you didn't have the benefit of that specific testimony before this committee yesterday, or I assume you didn't.

Senator METCALF. No, I did not.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Let me ask you this question. Assuming that you had a company that is in fact intrastate, and this is one that we could debate for hours about jurisdictional aspects, but if there was in fact an intrastate power company would you favor the removal of that under FPC regulation, or do you think that that too should be regulated by the Federal Power Commission?

Senator METCALF. There isn't a question of regulation here. This is largely a question of reporting.

Mr. BROTZMAN. I am sorry I didn't hear what you said.

Senator METCALF. I say this is largely a question of reporting at the present time. There is very little regulation as far as the Federal Power Commission is concerned. It is just a matter of making the same reports to the Commission as other utilities do and some regulation, wholesale rates and so forth.

Most of the regulation is in the local commission.

Mr. BROTZMAN. The State commission.

Senator METCALF. Yes, or in the case of Texas in the localities. In some States there isn't any regulation at all, but sale of electricity nevertheless does affect interstate commerce. The utilities rates and their activities affect interstate commerce just as much as many of the other activities of local agencies affect interstate commerce, especially in view of the fact that this huge industry is so interrelated and intertied that the rates of Tampa Electric, just operating in and around Tampa, affect Florida Power & Light and affect the municipal rates over in the rest of Florida and affect the rates in the TVA, and so I would continue to require them to make the same reports that other interstate corporations make.

I would hate to see Montana Power Co. fail to make even inadequate reports that it makes now to the Federal Power Commission merely by divesting itself of a handful of consumers up there in northern Idaho and becoming strictly a power company that sells its power within the State of Montana, although there is a question there about Montana Power because they buy Bonneville power and they are part of the northwest power pool. But I can't even envisage a situation where there wouldn't be some effect of interstate commerce in the operation of a large electric utility.

Mr. BROTZMAN. So your answer to my question really is "Yes"?

Senator METCALF. The answer is "Yes," yes, sir.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Now, you say reporting, and I am not knowledgeable about all the regulatory practices of the Federal Power Commission I must say, but you say just reporting.

Senator METCALF. Largely reporting.

Mr. BROTZMAN. I would assume the reporting is for the purpose of permitting further regulation. Would that be correct?

Senator METCALF. Not necessarily. Many of us feel, and this whole philosophy has been here, that if the public could get the information and know about it that in itself will be helpful in regulating the utility. I personally feel that if we could get some of the regulation on some of the practices of the utilities in a data bank so that the