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To: House Financial Institutions and Rural Development

From: Yvonne Hamer, Denison City Clerk

Date: March 2, 2021

RE: Testimony in Support of City Utility Low-Interest Program

The City of Denison is anticipating an invoice from KMGA in the vicinity of \$241,400 for February gas. The city does not have the funds to pay this unrealistic bill. Last year's February 2020 invoice was \$4,115.20 and this year's January 2021 invoice was \$4,729.81. The city can not send bills in thousands of dollars to our customers. That, too, is unrealistic. We need help from our state and federal agencies. Without some outside help, the City of Denison will go under after 134 years.

We hope we can count on your support for the City Utility Low-Interest program legislation. This would enable us to spread the burden of this situation over a longer period of time.

Thank you for your assistance.