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The League of Women Voters of Nebraska (LWV-NE) supports the new residential rate structure proposed by LES for 2017. The new structure with graduated fixed charges based on energy use promotes energy conservation and investment in residential solar. Public understanding and cooperation are essential to the success of any program of energy conservation, and it is commendable that LES continues to involve the public in the rate structure decision process. LES investments in renewable energy are praiseworthy and we trust that you will continue to move in the direction of sustainability in energy production. Climate change will become a critical factor in quality of life for your customers in the future, and measures you take today to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions are important. As you set the budget for 2017, our primary concern is the \$1.5M decrease in the Sustainable Energy Program. Any measures you can take to increase energy efficiency and reduce demand generally pay back multiple times the investment, especially with the rapid development of new technology such as smart meters and battery storage.

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