

The Upper Missouri River Basin states have the high use kwh per capita in the United State. See link [http://energyalmanac.ca.gov/electricity/us\\_per\\_capita\\_electricity-2010.html](http://energyalmanac.ca.gov/electricity/us_per_capita_electricity-2010.html)

The main reason in state that have no Energy Codes, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming see link <http://www.energycodes.gov/states/maps/residentialStatus.stm>  
These state use electrical resistance or strip heat and little if any insulation in buildings.

This demonstrate that IRP do not encourage energy efficiency nor renewable energy in this area. The IRP allow the utilities to game the system for their benefit and not for the customers pocket book. Please restore the funding to Western Area Power Administration Conservation and Renewable Energy program for the preference customers. Also create a advisory panel of preference customers both retail and wholesale to determine the goal and policy for the Conservation and Renewable Energy budget. This would allow for public input. Put the \$6,000,000 back in the budget since it was removed without public comment.

Thank you.

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