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Sunflower Co-ops Issue Plea For Energy Conservation

Hays, Kan.—Aug. 5, 2008— Sunflower Electric Power Corporation's Holcomb Station Unit 1 was limited to running at half load yesterday due to mechanical difficulties, causing the distribution cooperatives that own Sunflower and Mid-Kansas Electric Company to issue a plea to their customers asking them to voluntarily reduce electric usage.

Sunflower was forced to purchase expensive power on the wholesale market to meet customer demands, and since hot weather conditions were predicted, company officials took the additional precaution of asking the distribution cooperatives to send out a plea for conservation.

"We were fortunate that wholesale power was available," said Earl Watkins, Sunflower's president and chief executive officer, "but this certainly underscores the need for more base load power."

Customers were asked to voluntarily reduce usage by unplugging unnecessary appliances, turning up thermostats, and delaying tasks that required electricity. The situation, which began at 3 a.m., was resolved by 11 p.m.

The public service announcement affected approximately 400,000 people in central and western Kansas, served by Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Dighton; Pioneer Electric Cooperative, Ulysses; Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, Norton; Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Dodge City; Western Cooperative Electric Association, WaKeeney; and Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Scott City, Kansas.

About Sunflower—

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is a regional wholesale power supplier that operates a 1,257 MW system of wind, gas, and coal-based generating plants and a 2,300-mile transmission system for the needs of its six member cooperatives who serve more than 400,000 customers living in central and western Kansas. Visit Sunflower's website at <http://www.sunflower.net>

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