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Sunflower Comments on Recent Attorney General Opinion

Hays, KS—September 28— Sunflower Electric’s President and Chief Executive Officer, Earl Watkins, issued the following statement regarding the Attorney General’s answer to the inquiry from the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding the Secretary’s authority to stay pending air permits and to regulate currently unregulated emissions.

STATEMENT

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation agrees with the Attorney General’s opinion that the KDHE cannot delay a decision on the air quality permit for the Holcomb Station expansion.

The opinion also states it is not clear that the legislature intended to give the KDHE the authority to address currently unregulated emissions. We do not believe the KDHE has this authority. The consequences of any such exercise of authority would not be limited to this proposed permit, but would have to be uniformly applied to all industries statewide and negatively affect the entire Kansas economy.

The opinion affirms that any decision made by the agency is required to be based upon a fair, objective, factual determination, and must comply with fundamental due process. Therefore, any such review would clearly demonstrate that the proposed Holcomb air quality permit should be issued.

The Holcomb Station expansion fully complies with stringent Kansas and federal laws and regulations that ensure the public health and the environment are protected.

Sunflower Electric filed the application to expand Holcomb Station with the KDHE in February 2006. KDHE extensively reviewed the application, held three public hearings in the fall of 2006, and prepared responses to public comments.

To date, the KDHE has done thorough work to ensure that public health is protected, public concerns were addressed, and strict state and federal environmental laws were followed. KDHE has followed the law in its

treatment of Sunflower's application, which will result in one of the most restrictive air quality permits ever issued in the United States.

The project participants, including 67 not-for-profit electric cooperatives, will ensure that public health is protected by incorporating the latest technologies, including supercritical steam generators that use coal more efficiently; best available control technologies that minimize emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxides and particulate emissions; and aggressive mercury controls to reduce mercury emissions from current levels. The cooperatives will also mitigate carbon dioxide emissions through the development of an integrated bioenergy center at Holcomb Station, which will use carbon dioxide to grow algae for renewable fuels production.

Sunflower believes the review process is complete and urges the Secretary to approve the Holcomb Station air quality permit.

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About Sunflower—

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is a regional wholesale power supplier that operates a 1,203 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>

Sunflower's member cooperatives include 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.