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## **Sunflower Holds 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

Hays, KS—May 30, 2007—Dodge City was the host city recently for the 50th annual meeting of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation. The Board of Directors met at the offices of Victory Electric Cooperative Association to receive reports concerning the corporation's activities for the past year.

The featured speaker at the meeting was Sheldon Petersen, Governor and Chief Executive Officer of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, otherwise known as CFC. Mr. Petersen said, "We have much to celebrate," he said, "because a new day is dawning for rural electric cooperatives across America."

Petersen discussed recent transactions involving cooperatives in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Illinois and Kansas who have acquired significant amounts of new customers. "We are building institutions with lasting legacies based on decisions made for the benefit of consumers," Petersen said.

He also discussed the positive changes at regulatory agencies, the financial well being of generation and transmission cooperatives, and the impacts of pending environmental legislation on the industry.

Following the Board's meetings, an organizational meeting was conducted by the Board to elect their leadership for the coming year.

Charles Ayers, Leoti, Kansas, a representative of Wheatland Electric Cooperative, was re-elected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Loren Ochs, Jetmore, Kansas, a representative of Victory Electric Cooperative Association, was re-elected Vice Chairman.

Earl Watkins, Sunflower's President and Chief Executive Officer, in his report to the Board, discussed some of the changes at Sunflower in the last 30 years. He said, "Since 1977, our peak demand for electricity has doubled and our energy sales have tripled."

Watkins also reported on current activities which involve the closing of the Mid-Kansas Electric Company transaction, development of new wind

resources from the Smoky Hill Wind Farm, the plant expansion at Holcomb Station, and the development of the Sunflower Integrated Bioenergy Center.

The Board also elected the following persons to serve in new capacities:

Mark Calcara, Vice President and General Counsel  
Clare Gustin, Vice President, Member Services and External Affairs  
Jana Horsfall Vice President, Administration

### **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 124,000 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.

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