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Ice-Damaged Transmission Lines And Power Plant Back In Service

Hays, KS—May 30, 2007—After being torn down by the historic ice storm on New Years Eve, Sunflower's 345,000 volt transmission system and one of its gas-fired generating plants are fully repaired and back in service.

Twenty-one of Sunflower's largest steel transmission towers were crumbled by ice, three inches thick, which accumulated on the towers during the storm.

The loss of this portion of the high-voltage transmission system placed Sunflower in a very vulnerable operating condition. Bill Nolte, Manager, System Operations, said, "We have operated the system without the eastern half of our 345 kV backbone which prohibited us from buying or selling power to the east; that is a situation I hope we never face again."

"Our transmission staff, working with Capital Electrical Contractors, Topeka, was able to get the system back in service sooner than expected," said Keith Overland, Senior Manager, Corporate Security & Transmission Operations and Maintenance. "Their dedicated service to our Member cooperatives certainly ensured we are ready for the heavy loads we will experience during the summer months."

The line which spans the distance from Holcomb to Spearville, Kansas was recently returned to service as was Sunflower's 58 megawatt S-4 gas-fired unit which also suffered damage from the storm.

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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