

Kansans for Affordable Energy Launches New Advertising Campaign

Campaign Chairman Bob Kreutzer issued the following statement:

Garden City, KS— “Following the decision by Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Rod Bremby to deny permits for a much-needed coal-fueled power plant in Southwest Kansas, coal opponents launched a deceptive advertising campaign funded by an out-of-state natural gas corporation. Their campaign exploits environmental concerns in an attempt to strong-arm Kansas consumers into using their expensive natural gas.

“It’s time to tell the truth: American production of natural gas cannot keep up with increasing demand, so when the KDHE rejected Sunflower’s proposal, they said “no” to domestic coal and “yes” to the real likelihood of natural gas imported from Russia, Venezuela, and the Middle East. America is in danger of becoming dependent on these hostile and unstable areas of the world for our electricity supply. As the rest of the nation struggles to throw off the shackles of Middle Eastern fuel, Kansas is moving backwards.

“The decision by the Sebelius Administration threatens our state’s economy and the employers throughout Kansas — many of which produce CO₂. At the same time, it sends a signal to prospective employers and those that want to expand that Kansas is closed for business. Stable and affordable electricity rates are essential to agriculture, industry, and consumers.”

“We are committed to the fight for reliable electricity—whether it comes from coal or other ‘alternative’ sources. But what is most important is that Kansas receives its electricity from secure, environmentally responsible, domestic resources. Kansans for Affordable Energy encourages Governor Sebelius to reconsider her administration’s decision, and we will support any attempt by the Legislature to right this wrong.”

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