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## **AQUILA AND SUNFLOWER EXTEND POWER AGREEMENT**

HAYS, KS—Aquila, Inc., a utility headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri and long-time customer of Sunflower signed an agreement to extend a contract for Aquila's participation in Sunflower's Holcomb 1 generating station. The existing agreement was to terminate on May 31, 2004, but the new agreement extends the original contract for five years on a year-to-year basis.

Aquila will have the right to purchase up to 50 MW of energy generated at the Holcomb Station, if the energy is available. Under the agreement, each party has an annual right to terminate the agreement if annual price negotiations are unsuccessful.

The delivery to Aquila is at Sunflower's Spearville substation near Dodge City. The transmission provisions that were bundled into the original Holcomb Participation Agreement prices continue to be included in the new contract which requires the approval of the Rural Utilities Service and CFC.

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is a regional wholesale power supplier that owns and operates a 595 MW system of gas and coal-fired generating plants and a 1,200-mile transmission system for the needs of its six member cooperatives who serve 120,000 people spread throughout a 21,000 square mile area in western Kansas. Sunflower also provides power to regional utilities in western Kansas and in ten states.