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Holcomb Expansion Project Reaches Legislative Milestone

Hays, Kans.—May 7—Following a focused effort by both chambers of the Kansas Legislature, a comprehensive economic development bill was passed today that includes initiatives affecting the Holcomb Expansion project.

“This economic development bill will create opportunities all across Kansas ” said Earl Watkins,” Sunflower’s president and chief executive officer. “I don’t believe there has ever been a project as large as the one we are trying to build in central and western Kansas, so it makes good sense to include it with the other large projects our state is working on currently.”

Watkins said he hoped that Gov. Sebelius would re-examine her reasons for denying the first two bills presented to her this session and let all these large projects proceed. “We have a very difficult time creating jobs in rural Kansas; I’m confident this project is our best hope for all our children and grandchildren in rural Kansas.” Watkins said.

“We have followed every law and every rule and regulation, and we are working to develop a cutting edge solution to the sequestration of carbon dioxide,” Watkins said, “I strongly urge the Governor to help us not only move forward on this project, but support Sunflower and Kansas State University as we work to bring the bioenergy center to reality.”

Noting all the efforts of and the support from the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, the Kansas Farm Bureau, labor unions and other members of the Alliance for Sound Energy Policy, Watkins said, “I hope the Governor can find a way to work with all of us, because working together, we can create jobs, keep electricity reliable and affordable, and protect our environment.”

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About Sunflower—

Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is a regional wholesale power supplier that operates a 1,257 MW system of wind, gas, and coal-based generating plants and a 2,300-mile transmission system for the needs of its six member

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