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Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Statement of Earl Watkins
Concerning the Proposed Kansas Air Quality Construction Permit
Of Sunflower Electric Power Corporation

August 5, 2010

My name is name is Earl Watkins. I am the President and Chief Executive Officer for Sunflower Electric Power Corporation.

I would like to thank Garden City, Finney County, and western Kansas communities, businesses and individuals for unending support in our efforts to exercise our constitutional rights to conduct our business.

Thank you for sitting through this public hearing process. This permit process is really not about much of what you have heard the last few days – mining in Missouri, the evils of profits, whether Tri-State wants to build in Kansas or Colorado, or whether Sunflower has political influence and friends or whether Sunflower should be building a gas fired plant and burning Kansas gas. By the way, if we built a gas fired plant, it might burn some gas from Kansas, though Kansas gas is mostly depleted, and would most likely burn gas from Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

But this hearing is not about those things: it is about rule of law. All Americans, individual or corporate, should be outraged that a US citizen could comply with all known rules and regulations and be denied any permit by a government official, elected or unelected, because the government official disagreed with the request.

The legislature makes laws. Everyone else interprets, enforces or complies. So this is not about whether people in Johnson County want this plant built in Finney County for some personal reason. And it is not about whether the people in Finney County want the plant built. It is about whether or not the application meets established

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rules and regulations. If it does, grant the permit and let us get on with developing our private property rights. If it does not, point to the rule or regulation in question and deny the permit.

That is the foundation of this nation. Rule of law, not rule of whim. We believe the application does comply, and we request your speedy approval.

I thank you for this time and urge you to approve this permit as promptly as possible.