

Sunflower Electric Cooperative Air Quality Permit Application Timeline

June 6, 2001 – Sunflower Electric Power Corporation applied for an air quality permit for a single 660-megawatt coal-fired power plant known as the Sand Sage Project.

October 8, 2002 – KDHE approved and issued an air quality permit for the Sand Sage plant.

April 5, 2004 – KDHE granted an 18-month extension to Sunflower for the air quality permit for the Sand Sage plant.

October 4, 2005 – The air quality permit for the Sand Sage plant is allowed to expire without the proposed 660-megawatt plant being constructed.

February 6, 2006 – KDHE received a preliminary permit application from Sunflower for the proposed Holcomb expansion of three 700-megawatt coal-fired power plants.

February 10, 2006 – KDHE submitted a copy of the preliminary permit application to the EPA.

June 1, 2006 – KDHE received an updated section of the application with electronic copies the complete updated application. KDHE deemed the application complete.

June 12, 2006 – KDHE submitted updated permit application to the EPA.

August 24, 2006 – KDHE attended a town hall meeting in Garden City held by Sunflower.

September 21, 2006 – KDHE released the public notice on the Sunflower draft air permit application.

October 24, 2006 – Approximately 95 individuals attended a public hearing in Garden City. Twenty-three (23) individuals provided oral testimony.

October 26, 2006 – Approximately 120 individuals attended a public hearing in Topeka. Twenty-eight (28) individuals provided oral testimony.

November 16, 2006 – Approximately 371 individuals attended a public hearing Lawrence. Seventy-eight (78) individuals provided oral testimony.

December 15, 2006 – The public comment period ended with approximately 650 written comments received by KDHE.

June 18, 2007 – Sunflower notified KDHE that they are removing one of the proposed 700-megawatt generators from the air quality permit application.

September 24, 2007 – Kansas Attorney General Paul Morrison released an opinion affirming that K.S.A. 65-3012 authorizes the Secretary of KDHE to modify or deny an air quality permit to protect the health of persons or the environment.

October 9, 2007 – KDHE Secretary Roderick L. Bremby and KDHE Director of the Environment Dr. Ronald Hammerschmidt testified before the Electric Generation Review Panel examining the air quality permitting process.

October 18, 2007 – KDHE announces the decision on the Sunflower air quality permit application.