



The Holcomb Expansion

Gambling on a \$3.4 Billion Risky Coal Plant

High Costs, High Risks, Little Gain

Sunflower Electric, already in debt to taxpayers from their existing coal plant, is proposing a new 895 MW coal plant in Holcomb.

- ▶ While Sunflower still owes US taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars for loans for their existing coal plant in Holcomb, they're preparing to roll the dice on another risky coal plant.

The proposed Holcomb II coal plant & associated transmission lines will cost \$3.4 billion dollars.

- ▶ Sunflower's first coal plant, which has caused staggering debt for the coop and high rates for ratepayers, cost a small fraction of what the currently proposed coal project will cost by the time it's actually constructed.

Holcomb II will burn 4,712,500 tons of Wyoming coal per year sending upwards of \$100 million to Wyoming mines and the railroads yearly.

- ▶ The Holcomb expansion may be good for Wyoming coal mine owners and Colorado coops, but it will be more of liability than a benefit for Kansas.

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Over 120 coal plant proposals have been canceled, abandoned or put on hold – many of them in recent years. As of July 2010, not a single new coal plant has broken ground for construction in the past 20 months.

► The deck is stacked against new coal plants, and other utilities are unwilling to take a gamble on coal with the current regulatory uncertainty, diminishing demand, low natural gas prices, and increased energy efficiency.



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