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Re: Public comment on KDHE addendum to 2010 Sunflower construction permit

To the Kansas Department of Health and Environment:

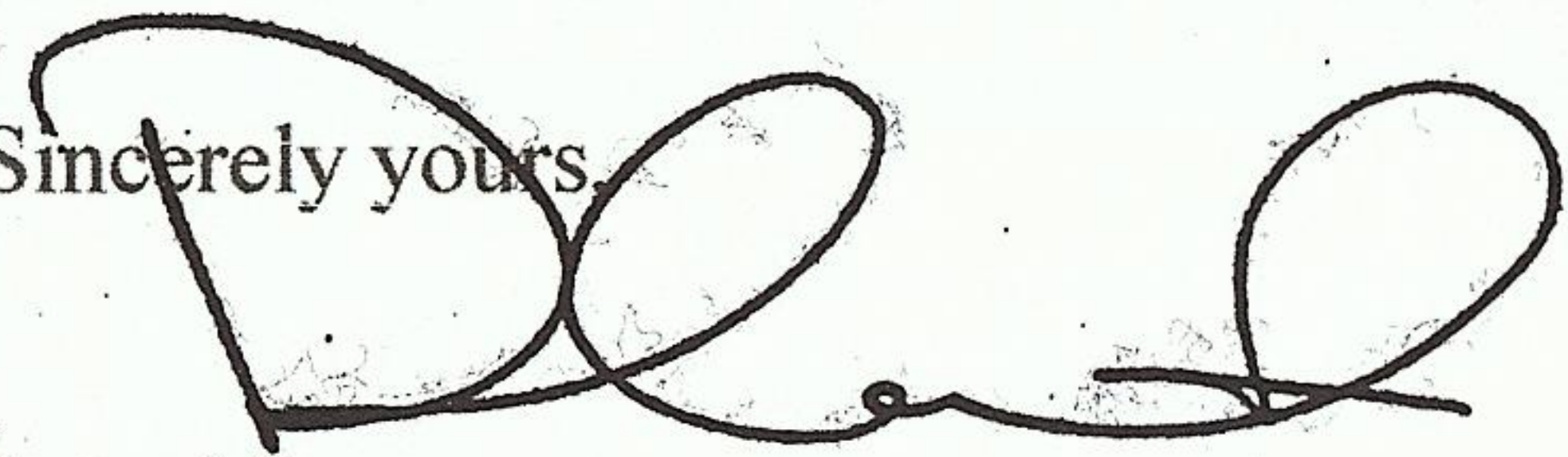
I am writing on behalf of more than 2,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Local 83, based in Kansas City, Mo. My local has a substantial interest in the proposed Holcomb Unit 2 project, as many of our skilled Boilermakers would be involved in its construction. Moreover, it is likely that we would continue to be involved with Unit 2 over the years, providing maintenance and upgrades.

Boilermakers install advanced air quality systems at new and existing coal-fired plants across North America. Holcomb Unit 2 would incorporate many of these technologies to dramatically reduce emissions compared to earlier generations of fossil-fueled plants.

My local strongly supports the Kansas Department of Health and Environment addendum to the 2010 Sunflower construction permit. We understand that the permit was awarded after a thorough and professional evaluation. We believe that the KDHE is correct in standing behind the analyses performed as part of the application process: specifically the air quality impact study and the assessment of best available control technology.

Requiring Sunflower Electric Power Corporation to redo these analyses because of a legal delay initiated by the Sierra Club would be costly, unnecessary, and unfair. Environmental lawsuits have become the weapon of choice for groups whose aim is to ban coal use in the United States — despite coal's history as a reliable, plentiful, and low-cost fuel source. Such lawsuits ignore major advances in fossil fuel clean air technology. And they show little concern about jobs lost, and the economic cost to communities and consumers when power plants are shuttered or canceled. After years of studies and technical and regulatory evaluation, Holcomb Unit 2 deserves final approval.

Sincerely yours,

  
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