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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Jerry Moran delivered the following statement today after Gov. Kathleen Sebelius vetoed legislation to build two coal-fired electrical generation plants in Western Kansas.

“I am deeply disappointed the governor vetoed legislation that would have authorized a facility that proposed to use cutting edge technology to reduce carbon emissions and would have been one of the most environmentally sound and efficient coal-fired plants in the country.

“Failure to allow Sunflower Electric’s proposal to move forward will likely lead to an increase in electricity costs. While I am a proponent of renewable energy resources, such as wind and solar, failure to provide a consistent source of base load power will result in an unstable energy supply and a higher consumer costs.

“Coal remains one of the United States’ most abundant natural resource and it is a critical component for establishing our energy independence.”

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