

Kansas gov. vetos coal-burning power plant plans

March 24 -- Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has vetoed a measure that would have allowed construction of two coal-burning power plants in her state.

At the same time, she created an advisory group to study how to reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining economic prosperity.

The power plants would have produced 11 million tons of greenhouse gases annually, Sebelius said, adding the state needs to reduce emissions to benefit the agricultural state and its citizens over the long-term.

Sunflower Electric Power Corp., which would have built one of the plants, said the governor's action could result in residents paying higher electric rates.

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