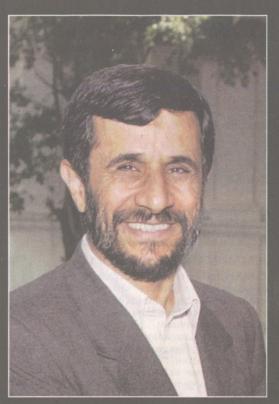






**Hugo Chavez** 



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

## Why are these men smiling?

Because the recent decision by the Sebelius Administration means Kansas will import more natural gas from countries like Russia, Venezuela, and Iran.

As demand for electricity increases in Kansas and across the country, our state has the opportunity to be a leader in the fight to reduce our reliance on foreign energy by utilizing America's most abundant fuel be a leader in the fight to reduce our reliance on foreign energy by utilizing America's most abundant fuel resource – clean coal.

Unfortunately, the Sebelius Administration rejected a plan to build a much-needed, coal-fueled power plant near Holcomb. The implications of this decision—higher electric bills, lost economic activity, and reduced energy security—will affect Kansas for years to come.

Without new, next-generation coal-fueled plants, Kansans will be captive to high-priced natural gas, allowing hostile foreign countries to control the energy policy of Kansas and America. We are already being held hostage to some of these same countries for oil.

The choice is simple... clean coal from Middle America versus expensive gas from the Middle East.

FACT: Natural gas prices have more than tripled since 1999.

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Call your state legislators today at 1-800-432-3924 and tell them our state's electricity must come from clean, affordable, reliable coal — America's energy future.

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration Paid for by Kansans for Affordable Energy, Roy Dixon, Treasurer