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April 25, 2012

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Re: Case No. 2011-00401

Attached is a copy of the Summary Notes, and attached Exhibits, of the proceedings from the Public Meeting held in Whitesburg, Kentucky on April 5, 2012.

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Attachments

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#### SUMMARY NOTES PUBLIC MEETING CASE NO. 2011-00401

#### KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY WHITESBURG, KENTUCKY APRIL 5, 2012

A public meeting concerning Case No. 2011-00401 In the Matter of: Application of Kentucky Power Company For Approval Of its 2011 Environmental Compliance Plan, For Approval Of Its Amended Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge Tariff, And For The Grant Of A Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity For The Construction And Acquisition Of Related Facilities, was conducted at approximately 1:30 p.m. on April 5, 2011 IN the auditorium, Letcher County High School, 435 Cougar Drive, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

A sign in sheet of attendees (excluding PSC staff) is attached as Exhibit # 1.

This document is intended to be the summary notes of the proceeding and is not intended to be a verbatim transcription.<sup>1</sup>

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. Chairman Armstrong introduced Vice Chairman James Gardner and PSC staff members Talina Matthews, Kimra Cole, Faith Burns, John Rogness, Andrew Melnykovych, Steven Bailey, Jim Rhodes, and Van Kuhnapfel. The Chairman also indicated that the Assistant Attorney General, Jennifer Hans was present.

The Chairman reviewed the purpose of the meeting and gave a brief overview of Kentucky Power Company's proposal. The Chairman indicated that the Commission will be taking sworn testimony from all the parties to the case on April 30 allowing questions and answers to be on the record. The Chairman indicated that the hearing will be held on April 30 at 10:00 a.m. at the PSC offices in Frankfort and is open to the public.

The Chairman indicated he had always tried to recognize public officials and give them an opportunity to speak first. The Chairman stated that if there are public officials here,

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he invited them to come forth at this time. Seeing none, the Chairman called Ricky Yonts to come forward.

#### Ricky Yonts

Thank you for the opportunity to address this matter. Ah, to begin with, within the last year we've been uh socked with a 17% increase in power bills. This is hard for us to deal with with people on fixed incomes. It burdens us to the point that we have to sacrifice just to make ends meet. They say the keys to the future lies in the education of our children. I'm over 50 years old. The years of my future are pretty much come and gone. But the ones I'm gonna' speak up for are the 3-year olds that come and grab you by the knee when you walk through the door, the first graders that are losin' their front teeth and going through the embarrassing moments of having to deal with that. What kind of a future are we gonna' provide with for them if we are continually being burdened with higher prices to pay. In closing, I know we have to deal with pollution and keep it under control because it's caused a lot of problems with acid rain and lung problems and health problems for people. But there's gotta' be a meeting somewhere on a compromise into which these exorbitant prices can be held in check. Thank you so much for your time.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Mr. Yonts. Our next speaker is Mr. Chris Musgrave. Welcome Mr. Musgrave.

#### Chris Musgrave

Thank you. I'm Chris Musgrave. I'm eastern Kentucky field rep for Senator Paul and want to thank the Commissioner for being here and first off let me say I recognize your all's hands are tied on this. You're just trying to administer what's coming down so really appreciate you all going around and taking the time to take public comments from the community. Um, I just had a couple comments that I wanted to add just to go into the record. Uh, there's actually a statement from the Senator from last week that I think is appropriate to this issue if you all don't mind I would like to read into the record.

#### Chairman Armstrong

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#### Chris Musgrave

In light of recent EPA standards that are very stringent that have recently come out the Senator had issued this statement last week. The Obama Administration's proposed energy mandate effectively bans new coal plants and reflects their ongoing war on

America's energy manufacturers and the American consumer. This new rule from Washington will cost Americans more at the pump, more at their utility bills, and for some, it will cost them their jobs and livelihoods. It will undoubtedly have a chilling effect on coal power plants across Kentucky and the country, severely limiting our energy choices rather than fulfilling the all of the above energy approach President Obama has touted. I will continue to fight to reign in the overzealous agenda of the Obama administration and the EPA.

Uh, that being said, I think clearly from the presentation earlier today, we are seeing impacts from these regulations and just personally, I would like to uh, agree with the gentleman who previously spoke, I think everybody can agree, we've we've got to protect our environment, you know, we've gotta' leave something for the future, we've got to make sure to maintain what we have but there has to be a balance and that we take into consideration the economic factors, particularly what it's gonna' do to the coalfields. Essentially, we'll lose the coal industry right now. It's it's a cart before the horse situation and if if these regulations go in as planned, if these rate hikes happen, your your alternative is poverty. And we already have a big enough problem with that in the mountains so I want to thank the Commission for coming and thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Mr. Musgrave. You know, I can't read my own handwriting from time to time and I'm not a good pensmanship person but some of you all have the same problem I have I see. This is Steve I want to say it's uh Luis?

#### From Audience

Litts.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Litts. I'm sorry. Welcome Mr. Litts.

#### Steve Litts

Thank you Mr. Armstrong and thank you Mr. Gardner and all the people from the Public Service Commission that came today and the state officials and the people of Letcher County that took the time to come out. I want to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is Steve Litts. I'm from Jenkins, Kentucky. I am formerly of the pharmaceutical industry and now currently retired and have lived in Jenkins pretty much my whole life. Uh, one thing I would like to say is in the future would these meetings, it's incumbent on the people and very taxing not to be able to have evening meetings where the working people can come to these meetings. There are a lot of people that I know that would have liked to have been here today but were not able to because they had to work. And it's us retired people and non working

people that are able to be here. So I think that is something you need to consider. With that being said let me proceed with my uh what I want to say. Your spokesman said earlier that flexibility uh there was not a lot of flexibility with you all. But you do have the authority to say no. You are the deciding factor. You have been appointed to make the decision on this rate increase. We had a rate increase 18 months ago. Thirty percent was requested, the Kentucky Power Company was given 18 17%. My monthly bill is \$308 a month on the budget. I live in about a 27 or 2800 square foot house, three senior citizens live there. We use a minimum amount of electricity, we keep our thermostat on 68. We ah wash clothes maybe once every ten days, we may cook three meals a week at our home. So we are very low maintenance a very low maintenance family. And yet we're paying this kind of bill a month for electricity. We watch everything we do. We've very conscious of how much electricity we use, and uh, I think most citizens are. It has become such an issue economically with the people of this state considering the expenses of gas, food, clothing, and life in general. I certainly understand the Kentucky Power Company and American Electric Power is in the business to make a profit and they certainly deserve to make a profit. But this is where I think some common sense and it's your responsibility to consider how much profit that they're to make. A reasonable return of operating expenses was explained to us by your speaker earlier and I couldn't agree more. But reasonable is the operative word here. Kentucky Power Company paid \$16,800,000 in net income in the quarter ending March 31, 2011. That was almost double their profits in the quarter ending in 2010. That's \$17,000,000. Their net income or profit net, not gross their net, was almost \$43,000,000 last year. Their dividends on their stock increased 40% from 2010 and 2011 again. They have increased from 173,000 customers to 175,000 customers from 2011 until 2012. That's 10%, they have 5 million customers, that's 10% of the eastern United States. They make up about 5 percent of American Electric Power their parent company. You have to look at the whole picture. The parent company is responsible for the overall spending and the costs. I've lived in the same house for 40 years. I've never seen a line change, an upgrade of any kind in 40 years at my home. We had 3 power outages this year, 1 lasting 24 hours. We had 3 or 4 last year, 1 lasting for 3 days at my home. And I know many other people in eastern Kentucky had power outages that were significantly longer. The quality of our service is not getting better it's deteriorating yet the cost is increasing exponentially. They have 175,000 customers here in this small portion of eastern Kentucky that Kentucky Power services. If they only increased them \$10 a customer, or 3% that would be \$20,000,000 a year that they would increase in their revenues. Nine hundred million dollars does not call for a 30% rate increase. I think it is paramount that you people take this into consideration that greed and stockholders have to be looked at in with the people with the everyday people. Constant public grumbling over costs compared with other fundamental living expenses have to be considered. As senior citizens and retirees, we out to get a 3-5% cost of living expense per year. We went 2 years without any cost of living expense. You must in my opinion consider the economic environment of the public in your decision making particularly in improving improvising this bid by east (sic) Kentucky Power. Thank you very much.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Mr. Litts. Mr. Chuck Dolen? Mr. Dolen.

#### Chuck Dolen

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to speak. I'm President over local 132 \_\_\_\_\_ (?) op for cement masons and you have our hundred percent support on this project.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Mr. Dolen. Mr. Joe McMaster.

#### Joe McMaster

Thank you. I represent the sheet metal workers of eastern Kentucky. While I agree with some of the stuff these people here are sayin', the uh EPA has come down on the area here and we know you have no control of it and AEP has some control but the it's either shut the plant down or buy your power off the grid or come up with an alternative. Every way I look at it the alternative is gonna' cost you more money. Not only is it gonna' cost you more money, it's gonna' be a very big effect on the economy around Kentucky. I mean if you don't buy the coal and sell it to the plant, the coal miners are gonna' be out, the trickle down effect is gonna' go all through out, I mean, it could go on forever. I mean all the way down to the guys puttin' the gas in the trucks that's haulin' the coal to the mines, from the mines to the plant, uh, I've worked in probably every AEP plant they are from Gavin Kiger Creek in Ohio to Amos uh, Sporn. I've seen from the '90's to today how they've cleaned the plants up. It's amazing. I mean if you would have seen it in the '90's, you go in fly ash everywhere. The quality of life you have to pay for. I mean, we have to pay the money to get the better environment for our kids. I mean the people workin' there. Now to say is it 30%, that's your all's position. I mean but I understand we got to keep our economy goin', and we gotta' look out for our kids, and it costs, and we realize that. And we support you in whatever you do come up with.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Mr. McMaster. Chris Yonts. Good afternoon Mr. Yonts.

**Chris Yonts** 

Thank you for havin' me up here.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Yes sir.

#### Chris Yonts

Uh, my name's Christopher Yonts. I live in Millcreek. I think it's a shame that we are being punished for your all's change. It will change our lives as well as our kids. I see we're wantin' to go green but we're getting' where we can't afford your power bill. We will be burnin' green and be much more coal in the air I don't really see how that's gonna' help. Uh, we have no jobs, low income, how's people gonna' make it, make ends meet? Can you tell my two little kids that when we have no money to get what they want? OK. I have no city water. Power's getting' where I don't need it. We just live like a caveman. OK. Why is the responsibility put on the customers to pay for somethin' the company Kentucky Power is required to do? Doesn't the company have enough money to pay for the change? What about federal funds? Can't those be used to pay for something that is required at the federal level? That's all I got to say.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Mr. Yonts. Appreciate your remarks and appreciate your being here today. Mr. Paul Fleming.

#### From Audience

[Mr. Fleming passed on speaking]

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you for being here. Dennis Morgan. Mr. Morgan, welcome.

#### Dennis Morgan

Thank you Mr. Chairman, Vice Chairman, all the folks with that uh here with the PSC and supporting staff, Attorney General's office. My name is Dennis Morgan. I am President, principle officer of Teamster's local 505, in Huntington, West Virginia. I represent Teamsters and workers throughout eastern Kentucky along with other Teamster locals. AEP did not ask for these regulations to be placed on 'em and neither did the PSC. I think the real question at hand is the ah, whether or not it the ah application that AEP is made is the most effective at the best cost. And I believe that when the folks look at the alternatives and the potential loss of jobs for the future and the residual effect it's gonna' have on those that support those jobs that are directly related to coal and the power producing industry, then the options become or they the the option that is only to be expected as reasonable is the one that AEP has put before the PSC and is asking for you to approve. The problem I see is that many of the folks ah have voiced their opposition because of the initial impact financial impact to them.

And I think if there's any consideration to be given on how that impact can be lessened, I think that that is the most important thing to do while we focus on keeping coal, Kentucky coal, and ah being put to use in producing electricity in eastern Kentucky. And it's been said in a lot of different ways but we've seen what happens when we have to rely on someone else to provide us with our needs, whether it be oil, whether it be ah, ah manufactured products from other countries, and when they control the process, they control the costs. Now I know that \$940 million is a lot of money. But AEP has employed a lot of my folks, and a lot of other folks on these construction projects and they ah employ a lot of folks on an ongoing basis ah maintaining the power in eastern Kentucky and the distribution lines. And AEP has been very good to the communities that I have worked in and been around and has been very supportive of the communities in which their employees work and live in. And I hope and pray that the PSC will find a way to hear the concerns of the economic impact on those who are on fixed income while at the same time approving AEP's request for this uh, uh uh to install these scrubbers and maintain a clean environment. Thank you.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Mr. Morgan. Our next speaker is uh, want to be sure, is it Tammy or Tommy Whitaker? Tammy Whitaker? Welcome Ms. Whitaker.

#### Tammy Whitaker

Uh, my name's Tammy Whitaker and I work for LKLP community action. I am the office manager in Letcher County, Kentucky, and my concern uh with this increase is the low income in my county I see them every day. I have uh LIHEAP program and the LIHEAP program been cut drastically last year and this year it's only gonna' be cut more. I have some facts and figures here of what we paid to Kentucky Power for power for our low income. And uh \$110,000 in crisis, we serve 834 for Kentucky Power and it was \$110,000 that we spent. Uh, that's a big part of the whole budget that we spent for crisis 'cause crisis in four counties we received 1.2 million. So my concern is our elderly folks, our low income folks, uh, that can't afford to pay these bills and with the cuts that are comin' down the line from the federal government and the House and the White House are wantin' to cut my concern is we're goin' to have a whole lot of people that are gonna' be without power. And I don't think that power is something that's considered a luxury. I think power is a necessity and it's a pursuit, a right to your pursuit of happiness is to have electricity in your home. So I don't know what the answer is, ah, with the unemployment rate the way that we've got it right now, and uh, the coal miners being laid off every day it's a problem. But there was one of the other gentlemen were talkin' about jobs when they talk about buildin' this scrubber plant, these jobs are goin' to be in Louisa and Floyd County. Gas bein' what it is, there ain't nobody in Letcher County goin' to be be workin' there. So, you know, it, that will be somethin' for you all to consider when you make your decision is the low income that we have in the eastern Kentucky that cannot afford to pay the bills that they have now. So thank you.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Ms. Whitaker. Our next speaker is uh Sharon Hall. Sharon Hall. Shawn Hall. My uh. Again it's Alex from Jenkins Road here uh is it Desha?

#### From Audience

Desha

#### Chairman Armstrong

Desha. Welcome.

#### Alex Desha

All right. Thank you members of Commission for being here today. My name is Alex Desha and I'm an American Electric Power rate payer, and a resident of Whitesburg, Kentucky. I learned through the Sierra Club that AEP wants to raise our rates an additional 30% in order to continue burning coal at its outdated Big Sandy power plant. I ask why hasn't American Electric Power budgeted for its environmental compliance. Why should they be allowed to pass on a billion dollar mistake to its ratepayers? Last year AEP agreed that retiring the Big Sandy was the least cost option and the best option. Now they're saying that installing a scrubber is their least cost option. What has changed? If you look at the expert testimony in the case, available on the PSC website, AEP uh misrepresented the facts and made several miscalculations in determining that the scrubber was the least cost option. The testimony from Synapse Energy Economics verifies that continuing to burn coal is in fact the most expensive option. The PSC has a responsibility to make sure that ratepayers are not subject to unnecessary and burdensome rate increases. We have the opportunity here to embrace a clean energy future. And it begins with the retirement of the Big Sandy. I call on AEP to come up with a better plan. Plans at utilities in other states have embraced to include a renewable and energy efficiency portfolio. I have heard much testimony that we can't afford our bills. Families have 3, 4, 5, even \$600 energy bills. This is not sustainable. How can our bills be this high when we have the cheapest energy around? Promoting energy efficiency would go a long way to produce real savings in peoples' lives. Coal will not be around forever. AEP says it wants to sustain jobs. Well a study completed again by Synapse Energy Economics on economic development here in Kentucky, concluding that investing in a renewable and energy efficiency portfolio, would create an additional 28,000 job years in Kentucky. The fact is that coal jobs continue to decline. They are not coming back. We need to consider other methods of creating jobs and diversifying our economy if we want eastern Kentucky to remain strong. It is time for Kentucky to move forward by securing our clean energy future. It is the right choice to protect not only our health but to create jobs. The PSC must remember that

transitioning to cleaner energy sources is the most cost effective option in securing our future. I call on the Commission to reject AEP's current plan. Thank you.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you Mr. Desha. Our next speaker is Robert Akin. Welcome Mr. Akin.

#### Robert Akin

Welcome, thank you and I appreciate everyone comin' out here today. My name is Robert Akin, I'm the director of Kentucky LECET which represents a labor management coalition of over 370 employers across the state and all 7 of the laborers locals in Kentucky. Uh many of our employers are based in the region serviced by American Electric Power as well as our members out of local 1445 which covers eastern and southeastern Kentucky. And uh, I'm speaking in behalf of those people and being in favor of the Commission going ahead and working out a plan for the uh going forward with the construction of this uh desulfurization process in order to extend the life of the Big Sandy plant. And I have my comments in general here in a letter if I can submit it to whomever I'm not sure. And if I would I'd just like to read the letter for the record and that'll be the end of my comments.

(Mr. Akin then read into the record the contents to the letter).

[Mr. Akin's letter is attached to this as Exhibit 2.]

#### Mr. Akin continued:

And while we realize that individuals and stuff this is burdensome costs, any solution to the problem that faces the utility and the Public Service Commission, uh, there's gonna' be associated costs, whether it's construction of a new facility to replace the power if Big Sandy is closed, or if it's outsourcing to purchase power from other utilities, the cost is gonna' be there, and it's gonna' have to be addressed as the law allows it to be addressed in our Commonwealth. That's my comments and I thank you very much.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you. Thanks for being here. Jon Henrickson. Welcome Mr. Henrikson.

#### Jon Henrikson

Hi, how are you?

#### Chairman Armstrong

#### Good.

#### Jon Henrikson

Ah, I'm Jon Henrikson, and I'm a retired school teacher and I have 4 grandchildren that live here in Letcher County and uh I think you all have a difficult balancing act to you know, to try to deal with. I have family members and neighbors that, you know, are employed in the coal industry and I personally am very certainly sympathetic to ah their family needs to you know, to have jobs, and take care of their families so I certainly would urge you to to be supportive of a solution to this problem that uh allows coal to be continue to be burnt. I'm also very concerned about the environment especially in in terms of my grandchildren. Uh, like I said, I think you have a a different, a difficult balancing act. I guess the the only thing that I can think of you know might help to hold the costs to the public uh down is uh is efficiency in terms of Kentucky Power Company. And I've had some recent personal experiences that suggest to me that they're not very efficient in how they spend the money that the Commission granted to them particularly you know to try to cut down the trees that interrupt service to the area. Uh, in terms of my property, the folks that did the tree cutting I think did a pretty poor job and they for one thing, in very wet weather they drove up on my lawn and rutted it out. Um in terms of of how long they work, uh, seems like it takes 'em forever to get started in the morning, they seem to take a lot of breaks, and don't get, you know, much work done. They've created an awful mess on my property. I mean, I'm relatively old, I'll be 70 in a month or so, and you know, and they cut down all kinds of trees and just pretty much left them laving there. Um, I'm interested in the environment too and you know in terms of plants, I don't know why they had to cut down uh rhododendron plants and dogwood trees on my property. That's stuff certainly would not provide any threat to the to the power lines I wouldn't think. Um, so I guess what I'm saying if there's some way to you know to put some kind of a squeeze on on Kentucky Power, and make them more efficient you know in what they're doing and to provide better service to the people that maybe we could benefit from that. One other experience I'd share with you is one of my sons lives right across the creek from me. And he's on a different power line set up. I don't know the technical words but certainly a couple of Christmases ago, there they were you know across the creek from us with no electricity for close to a week and it seems to me that that Kentucky Power could you know do a better job. I don't understand why they their house cannot be hooked on the same line with our house, I mean here we were. Of course they had to come over and stay with us but you know, they had a Christmas tree over there, kids presents, and I don't know why Kentucky Power can't put them you know on the same line we are. They're on a line that runs down Bull (?) Creek for over a mile before they get to another house and the trees fall on that line and it cuts off you know, their power. So I guess you know basically what I'm savin' is I don't think Kentucky Power runs the kind of service that people need and I think if you can put some kind of a squeeze on them and try to make them more efficient that we could save a little money. Basically I know you got the different difficult

balancing act. I certainly am concerned about the coal industry, concerned about the environment, I guess I'll leave it up to you all to do the best you can.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Jon, let me mention, some of the PSC staff is here along with the uh Kentucky Power . We have spent a lot of time on vegetation management but the Kentucky Power and you may want to uh give them your contacts. I know you're a dynamic leader in the educational reform of the state as President of KEA and worked with my office when I was Attorney General to see that law was passed and uh I know of your sincerity so uh Vice Chairman and myself are very concerned about that we've uh spent time and effort (?) foresters work on this problem and if it's not working right, we want to see it corrected.

#### Jon Henrikson

Thank you very much.

#### Chairman Armstrong

Thank you for your remarks and being here today. Is there anyone else now that did not sign up and who would like to make some comments at this time? Seeing none, I want to remind you of the uh case in chief that 's going to be heard by the PSC at our headquarters on the 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 o'clock, uh, your presence would mean a lot and we welcome you to come up and your contact to us. And that's why we're really here and I know this gentleman said that we should have been here you can't every night be away from Frankfort but we are going to be in Hazard tonight. The location of that Andrew is where

#### From Audience

Response from Andrew Melynykovych

At Perry Central High School

Chairman Armstrong

One more time.

From Audience

Response from Andrew Melynykovych

Perry Central High School

#### Chairman Armstrong

Beginning at 6 o'clock?

#### From Audience

#### Response from Andrew Melynykovych

5:30

#### Chairman Armstrong

5:30. I know it's uh, you have to drive there but it's uh if you know people who would like to speak or speak on behalf of any organization, encourage them to come and or they can come and make their public comment at the hearing itself. So we do welcome your input. Uh, I always am refreshed by seeing the public uh appear at public hearings and giving us your thought. I can't tell you how important it is for agencies to receive your input because that's the foundation upon which they build so uh I thank everyone for coming here today and this meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

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Attachments:

- Exhibit #1 Sign-In Sheets consisting of 3 pages
- Exhibit # 2 Letter dated April 5, 2012 from Robert R. Akin, Director, Kentucky LECET to Kentucky Public Service Commission

(The envelope submitted for entry into the record contained 2 identical letters with original signatures. Also attached to each letter is a business card for Robert Akin, Director, KY LECET)

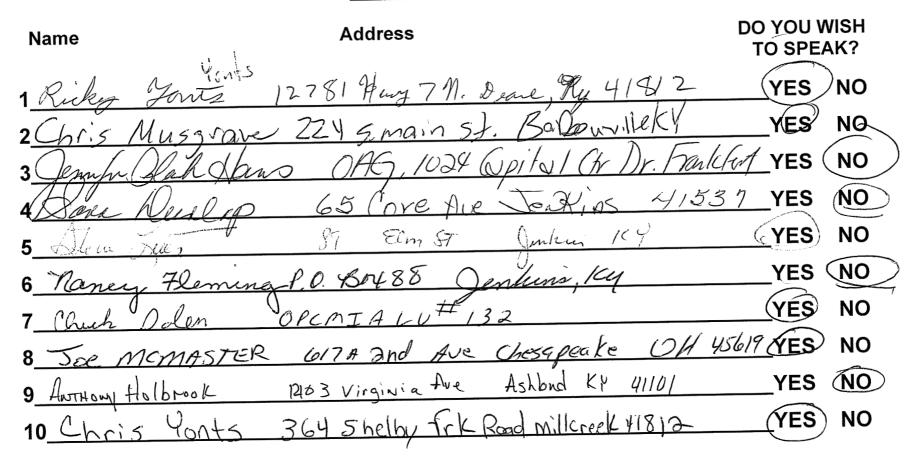
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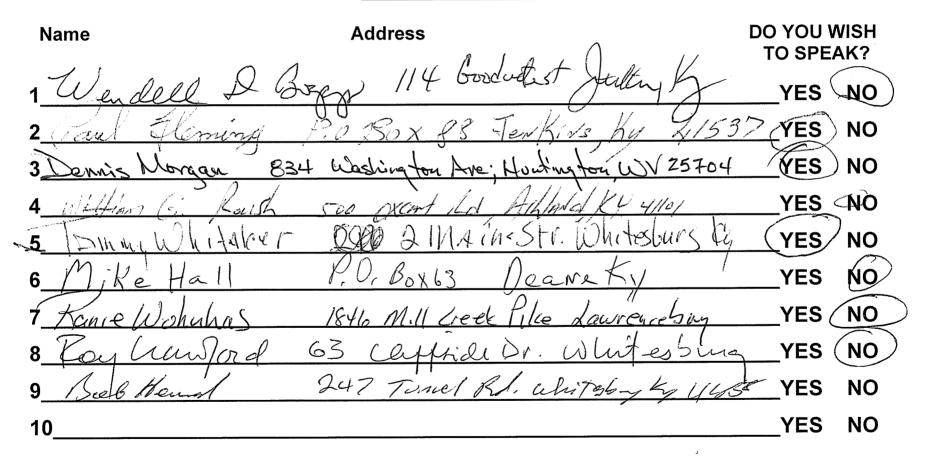
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April 5, 2012

Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

#### Dear Sirs:

I am corresponding with you today to confirm the support of the Laborers Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund (LECET) for the approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of the Environmental Compliance and Surcharge Plan needed to begin Pollution Control upgrades to Kentucky Powers Big Sandy Plant located in Louisa Kentucky. LECET represents more that 370 Signatory Employers and Seven Laborers International Union of North America Local Unions within Kentucky. Many of these employers and individuals are presently rate paying customers of Kentucky Power. This project is located in Lawrence County on a site owned by American Electric Power which has been in continuous safe operation since 1963 providing the region with needed electrical power. The installation of a Dry Flue Gas Desulfurization System (DFGD) on this facility will significantly reduce emissions from the plant, maintain jobs both in the facility and the region and create as many as 700 Construction jobs during the upgrade.

We believe that Kentucky Power is dedicated to the energy needs of Kentuckians as well as business and industries which are located in Communities whom they serve. These businesses and industries supply jobs which help drive the economy of our Commonwealth. In order to maintain current business and industry, promote their expansion and develop new industry in the region we need a plentiful, economic, safe and reliable source of electrical power. We feel that this project will go far to assure this for the region. We feel that in building this project, Kentucky Power will create "Local Jobs for Local Workers". We feel that the use of Kentucky's natural resources to provide energy to create electricity will put more Kentuckians to work in areas of our state hard hit by the current national economic crisis. We also believe that the environmental emission reduction equipment to be installed utilize advanced technology to curtail emissions to levels which were unheard of only a few short years ago. We feel as demand goes up for economical electrical power over the next few



years and cost rise as initial construction, governmental regulation and market forces increase capital outlay, not to build this project would jeopardize both the Commonwealth of Kentucky's long term economic viability as well as the future of the customers whom Kentucky Power has so ably served with this facility for 49 plus years. For these sound reasons we ask that the Public Service Commission approve the pending request for Kentucky Power and to proceed with the Installation at the earliest possible moment.

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#### **Dear Sirs:**

I am corresponding with you today to confirm the support of the Laborers Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund (LECET) for the approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of the Environmental Compliance and Surcharge Plan needed to begin Pollution Control upgrades to Kentucky Powers Big Sandy Plant located in Louisa Kentucky. LECET represents more that 370 Signatory Employers and Seven Laborers International Union of North America Local Unions within Kentucky. Many of these employers and individuals are presently rate paying customers of Kentucky Power. This project is located in Lawrence County on a site owned by American Electric Power which has been in continuous safe operation since 1963 providing the region with needed electrical power. The installation of a Dry Flue Gas Desulfurization System (DFGD) on this facility will significantly reduce emissions from the plant, maintain jobs both in the facility and the region and create as many as 700 Construction jobs during the upgrade.

We believe that Kentucky Power is dedicated to the energy needs of Kentuckians as well as business and industries which are located in Communities whom they serve. These businesses and industries supply jobs which help drive the economy of our Commonwealth. In order to maintain current business and industry, promote their expansion and develop new industry in the region we need a plentiful, economic, safe and reliable source of electrical power. We feel that this project will go far to assure this for the region. We feel that in building this project, Kentucky Power will create "Local Jobs for Local Workers". We feel that the use of Kentucky's natural resources to provide energy to create electricity will put more Kentuckians to work in areas of our state hard hit by the current national economic crisis. We also believe that the environmental emission reduction equipment to be installed utilize advanced technology to curtail emissions to levels which were unheard of only a few short years ago. We feel as demand goes up for economical electrical power over the next few



years and cost rise as initial construction, governmental regulation and market forces increase capital outlay, not to build this project would jeopardize both the Commonwealth of Kentucky's long term economic viability as well as the future of the customers whom Kentucky Power has so ably served with this facility for 49 plus years. For these sound reasons we ask that the Public Service Commission approve the pending request for Kentucky Power and to proceed with the Installation at the earliest possible moment.

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