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VIA COURIER AND EMAIL

April 26, 2012

Mr. Jeff Derouen Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

## Re: Bruce Nilles Declaration Docket 2011-00401

Dear Mr. Derouen,

Enclosed please find Bruce Nilles Declaration, including requisite copies. In Kentucky Power Company's Requests for Information to Sierra Club, the Company had sought discovery regarding donations made to Sierra Club. Sierra Club objected to this information request for numerous reasons, including that it impinged on the Club's constitutional rights. During a meetand-confer call with Mark Overstreet, counsel for Kentucky Power Company, I informed Mr. Overstreet that Sierra Club had been advised by its counsel not to produce any documents in response to the Company's requests. To avoid a possible Motion for Protective Order or Motion to Compel, Sierra Club offered to submit a declaration stipulating to the fact that it had received donations from entities or individuals associated with Chesapeake Energy. On Friday, April 20, 2012, Mr. Overstreet informed me that this was an acceptable solution.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 GRANTING OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION OF RELATED FACILITIES

CASE NO. 2011-00401

### **DECLARATION OF BRUCE NILLES**

I, BRUCE NILLES, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct and within my personal knowledge.

1. My principal place of business is 50 F Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C.

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2. I am the Deputy Conservation Director of Sierra Club. I manage and oversee several conservation priorities for Sierra Club, including the Beyond Coal Campaign. The Beyond Coal Campaign tackles the pressing problems of global warming, air pollution, and other threats to the environment and public health associated with coal. The Beyond Coal Campaign also promotes the use of clean energy sources by encouraging utilities and power companies nationwide to retire existing coal-fired plants and switch to cleaner energy sources. 3. From 2007 through 2010, Sierra Club received more than \$26 million in contributions from entities or individuals associated with Chesapeake Energy, a natural gas company. This money was used to support Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign.

4. As time progressed, Sierra Club became increasingly concerned about hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," a technique where millions of gallons of water, laced with other ingredients (including, often, toxic chemicals) are pumped into rock to release gas deposits.

5. In 2010, Sierra Club stopped accepting donations from entities or individuals associated with Chesapeake Energy. The Sierra Club does not accept funding from any other natural gas company.

Dated this 26 day of April, 2012

Nilles

## VERIFICATION

The undersigned, BRUCE NILLES, being duly sworn deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing responses for which he is the identified witness and that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief.

Bruce Nilles

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

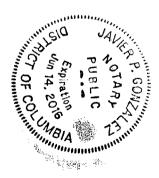
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State by Bruce Nilles, this the  $\underline{\partial} \omega^{M}$  day of April 2012.

Notary Public (Broce Nilles only)

My Commission Expires June 14, 2016

My Commission Expires:



#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I mailed a copy of Declaration of Bruce Nilles by first class mail on April 26, 2012 to the following:

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