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Attention: Mark R. Overstreet
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Re: Kentucky Power Company
Petition for Confidential Protection received February 15, 2012
PSC Reference #: 2011-00401

Dear Mr. Overstreet:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on February 15, 2012 on behalf of Kentucky Power Company ("Ky Power"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being Ky Power's Response to Sierra Club's Data Request No. 1-69. The information is more particularly described as a CD labeled "Sierra Club's First Set of Data Requests, February 9, 2012" and marked Confidential, containing 3 files: (1) Attachment A – Fuel Inputs, containing forecasts of delivered fuel prices; (2) Attachment B – BS Studies A, containing forecasted information, heat rates, and the company's strategic plans; and (3) Pre-liminary Relative BS2 Unit Disposition Alt Economics, forecasting gas prices and AEP operating capacity.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Ky Power's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

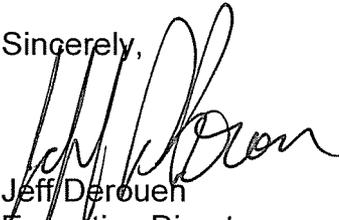
Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Ky Power's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be

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maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Kentucky Power Company is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record