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Attention: Mark R. Overstreet
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Re: Kentucky Power Company
Petition for Confidential Protection received 11/29/11
PSC Reference #: 2011-00295

Dear Mr. Overstreet:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on November 29, 2011 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 contained in Ky Power's Response to PSC Data Request Nos. 7(d), 8(b), and 9(d). The information is more particularly described as maps showing locations of future industrial and commercial development in the study area, and potential relocation risk data related to future mining activity.

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 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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aaron D. Derouen for".

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record