

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE OF EAST)	CASE NO.
KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.)	2015-00233
FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH APRIL)	
30, 2015)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East Kentucky"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 14 days of the date of this request. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

East Kentucky shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though

correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which East Kentucky fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, East Kentucky shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, East Kentucky shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Attachment to this information request, which contains a September 2, 2015 article published in the Commonwealth Journal in Somerset, Kentucky. The article implies that the John Sherman Cooper Station (“Cooper Station”) would need to be retired or converted as a result of the Clean Power Plan.

- a. State whether East Kentucky has plans to convert the Cooper Station units to natural gas units at Cooper Station’s present location. If so, provide the timeline for this conversion.

- b. State whether East Kentucky has plans to relocate and then convert the Cooper Station units to natural gas units. If so, provide the timeline for this relocation and conversion.

c. State whether East Kentucky has plans to close the Cooper Station units and build new natural gas units to replace the Cooper Station units at a different location. If so, provide the timeline for the closure of the Cooper Station units.

2. State the distance from the Cooper Station to the nearest natural gas pipeline from which East Kentucky could take service.

3. Refer to Case No. 2014-00451, the response to Item 28 of the Commission's August 14, 2015 Request for Information and East Kentucky's response to Item 4.b. of Commission Staff's Second Request for information, Page 3 of 5.¹ Provide an updated table I response to Item 4.b. that includes the months of January through April 2015.



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DATED **SEP 15 2015**

cc: Parties of Record

¹ Case No. 2014-00451, *An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. from November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2014* (Ky. PSC Aug. 11, 2015).

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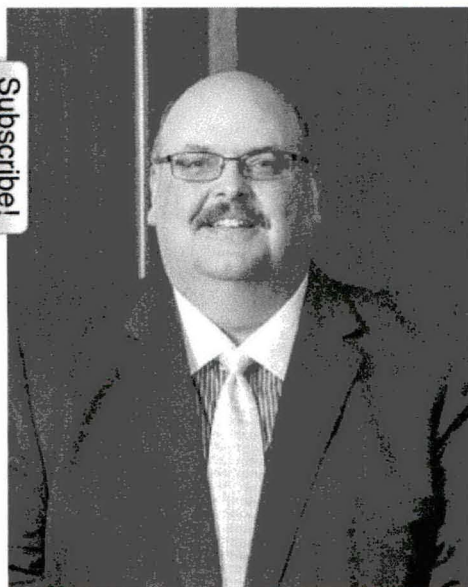
By BILL MARDIS Commonwealth Journal

The CEO of East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) gave a dire assessment of the future of John Sherman Cooper Power Station at Burnside and predicted a huge costly impact on electrical rates if there is no relief from new regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to cut carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants.

Tony Campbell, speaking Tuesday to a crowd of more than 300 at the September membership meeting of the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce, said generators at Cooper Station could be cannibalized in "15 years or less" as a result of the regulations. Or the generators will switch from coal to natural gas and be located near a major natural gas transmission line.

Asked later his definition of cannibalization, Campbell said " ... shut down ... moved to another location before the end of the plant's financial life," estimated at 20 to 35 years at Cooper Station. But without the costly regulations, coal-fire generating plants can be retrofitted and retrofitted and be viable for years on end, he said.

Campbell spoke ahead of U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell who said their is no legislative relief to the EPA regulations because of (President Obama's) power of veto. McConnell said the regulations are being



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litigated and there is a possibility of "relief in the courts ... or we get a new president."

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Campbell said East Kentucky Power Cooperative is no longer in negotiations with Somerset to supply natural gas to Unit No. 1 at Cooper Station. However, he didn't rule out future negotiations with the city, or seeking assistance from U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers.

EKPC and Somerset, with a plentiful supply of natural gas and connections to three nationwide natural gas transmission lines, recently were talking about Somerset supplying Unit 1 at Cooper Station with natural gas.

Instead, to be completed this fall is a \$15 million ductwork project that will take emissions from Unit 1 to a newly installed scrubber on Unit 2 that has capacity to scrub emissions from both generating units. This will allow emissions from the older generating unit to meet MATS (mercury and air toxic standards) set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for coal-fired electric generating plants," Nick Comer, external affairs manager for EKPC, said.

"Compliance with EPA regulations is " ... going to be very, very costly," said Campbell. He repeated "very, very costly ... with a huge impact on electrical rates."

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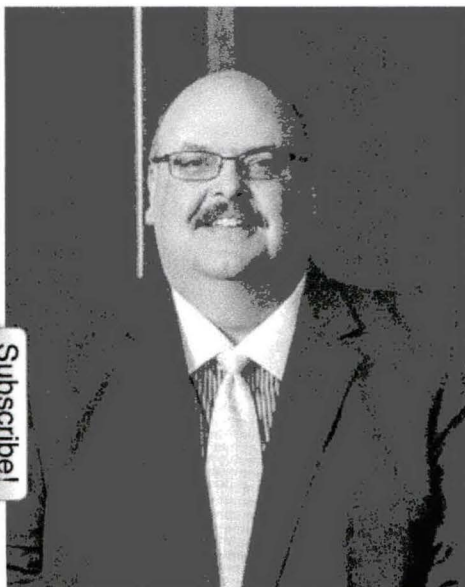
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Campbell said a megawatt (1,000 kilowatts) of electricity produced by a coal-fired plant produces 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. A natural gas-fired plant produces only 1,200 to 1,400 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt of electrical power. He said EPA regulations require reduction of carbon dioxide per megawatt to 1,250 pounds by 2030.

Comer said the more than 100 pages of rules and regulations " ... are much more stringent than originally proposed ... and nationally it targets coal. The problem is nationwide, not just with EKPC and its member cooperatives Campbell and Comer emphasized.

They said EKPC officials are still combing through the extensive EPA regulations. He noted the compliance deadline has been pushed back from 2022 to 2030.

The Burnside generating facility produces 341 megawatts of electricity, enough to power homes in about 30 cities the size of Somerset. Unit 2, on line in October 1969, produces 225 megawatts of electricity. The plant's first generating unit, on line in February 1965, produces 116 megawatts of electricity.



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