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Siting Board to Hold Local Hearing on Proposed Vectren Transmission Line in Henderson and Webster Counties

Project will be subject of Sept. 2 event at Henderson Fine Arts Center

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 25, 2010) – The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting will hold a local public hearing on the application by Vectren Corp. to construct about 15 miles of 345-kilovolt transmission line in Henderson and Webster counties.

The hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. CDT on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Henderson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Henderson Community College, 2660 S. Green Street.

Vectren's proposed line is to connect the company's A.B. Brown power plant in Posey County, Ind., to a Big Rivers Electric Corp. substation at its Reid power plant near Sebree. It is part of a 70-mile line that also will extend from the Brown plant to Duke Energy Indiana's Gibson power plant northwest of Evansville. Nearly the entire Kentucky portion is in Henderson County.

The line is intended to improve reliability of the regional transmission grid and has been approved by the Midwest Independent System Operator, the regional transmission organization of which Vectren is a member. Vectren says the new line will provide a more reliable source of power to aluminum smelters in the Sebree area.

Vectren will provide a brief overview of the project at the beginning of the hearing. Other parties to the case also will be allowed to make brief presentations. Members of the public then will have an opportunity to make comments.

The application (case number 2010-00223) and related documents are available on the Siting Board website: http://psc.ky.gov/efs/efs_search.aspx?case=2010-00223

The Siting Board is an agency within the Energy and Environment Cabinet. Under a law passed in 2002 by the Kentucky General Assembly, the Siting Board is charged with reviewing applications for high-voltage transmission lines that are not regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

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Applicants to the Siting Board are not required to meet the criteria set by the PSC for new facilities built by regulated utilities, and thus do not need to prove that the proposed facility is necessary to meet demand for electricity.

The Siting Board considers issues such as visual impact, economic impacts and effects of the proposed facility on Kentucky's electric grid. It does not consider environmental matters under the jurisdiction of other state or federal agencies.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments on the Vectren proposal may do so at the meeting in Henderson. Written comments also may be mailed to the Siting Board at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Ky. 40602, faxed to 502-564-9625 or e-mailed via the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Comments should cite the case number (2010-00223).

By law, the Siting Board consists of the three members of the PSC, the secretary of the Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet or his designee, the secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development or his designee and two local members. The local members serve on the Siting Board only for the specific case for which they were appointed. The chairman of the PSC serves as chairman of the Siting Board.

In addition to the PSC commissioners, the Siting Board members for the Vectren case are Robert Amato, designated by Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet Secretary Leonard Peters; Ken Robinson, designated by Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Larry Hayes; and two members named by Governor Steve Beshear: Henderson County Judge/Executive Sandy Lee Watkins and Tommy Chandler, a resident of Webster County.

The PSC's 100 employees provide staff and administrative support to the Siting Board.

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NOTE: BECAUSE OF CONSTRUCTION, THE PARKING LOT NEAREST THE HENDERSON FINE ARTS CENTER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON SEPT. 2. THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING SHOULD USE EITHER THE PARKING LOT NEAR THE LIBRARY OR THE ONE BEHIND THE ACADEMIC AND TECHNICAL BUILDING. IT IS A SHORT WALK FROM THOSE LOTS TO THE FINE ARTS CENTER.

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