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PSC to Issue Report on 2008 Wind Storm and 2009 Ice Storm

Nov. 19 media briefing will be broadcast live on the Web

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 17, 2009) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission's (PSC) report on the September 2008 wind storm and January 2009 ice storm will be made public on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009.

A briefing for the news media will be held that day at 10:30 a.m. EST in Hearing Room 1 at the PSC offices at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort.

The PSC report focuses on the performance of jurisdictional utilities during and after the two storms. It also looks at broader issues such as disaster planning, individual emergency preparedness and coordination between utilities and various government entities.

Topics covered in the report include:

- Electric utility storm preparedness
- Electric utility restoration efforts
- Electric utility construction and maintenance practices
- Electric utility vegetation management practices
- Underground electric utility facilities
- Cost recovery issues
- Water and wastewater utilities
- Telecommunications
- Customer service functions
- Public information and individual preparedness

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The report includes findings and recommendations that apply to utilities, government agencies including the PSC itself and individual Kentuckians.

The briefing will be broadcast live, beginning at 10:30 a.m. EST, via the Internet on the PSC Web site, at <http://psc.ky.gov/>. Click on the link for Hearing Room 1. A high-speed Internet connection is recommended for viewing the briefing.

Broadcast media please note: The Webcast is not broadcast quality. If you desire broadcast quality audio or video, you are advised to attend the briefing in person. Multiboxes will be available.

The briefing will be available for viewing at a later time in streaming video format in the PSC's video library, at <http://psc.ky.gov/Home/Media>. A video of the briefing also will be available for download on the PSC's FTP site, <ftp://162.114.3.167/>.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky and has approximately 100 employees.