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SITING BOARD TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ESTILL COUNTY POWER PLANT

FRANKFORT, Ky. (August 2, 2004) – The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (Siting Board) will meet in Irvine on August 5 to receive public comments on a proposal to build an electric power plant in Estill County.

The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in the second-floor courtroom of the Estill County Courthouse at 130 Main Street in Irvine.

Estill County Energy Partners, LLC has applied to build a 110-megawatt plant on a site near Irvine. The plant would be located on 28 acres of a 505-acre site previously used for coal preparation and would burn waste coal now stockpiled at the site. The application and related documents are available on the Siting Board Web site:

http://psc.ky.gov/agencies/psc/siting_board/merchant.htm

The case number for Estill County Energy Partners is 2002-00172.

Anyone wishing to comment on the Estill County Energy Partners proposal may do so at the hearing. Depending on the number of people wishing to speak, the length of oral comments may be limited in order to allow everyone to be heard. Written comments also will be accepted.

The formal evidentiary hearing in the case will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, at the offices of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort. Participation in the hearing is limited to the parties to the case.

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The Siting Board is an agency within the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It is charged with reviewing applications for merchant power plants, also known as independent power producers, that sell electricity on the wholesale, unregulated market.

The Siting Board consists of the three members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), the secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet or her designee, the secretary of Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet or his designee, and two local members appointed by the Governor for each case. The chairman of the PSC serves as chairman of the Siting Board.

The PSC's 110 employees provide staff and administrative support to the Siting Board.