

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY POWER	)	
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE	)	
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY,	)	
AND A SITE COMPATIBILITY CERTIFICATE,	)	CASE NO. 2005-00053
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 278 MW	)	
(NOMINAL) CIRCULATING FLUIDIZED BED	)	
COAL FIRED UNIT AND FIVE 90 MW (NOMINAL)	)	
COMBUSTION TURBINES IN CLARK COUNTY,	)	
KENTUCKY	)	

O R D E R

On March 27, 2006, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East Kentucky") filed its response to the Commission Staff's data request regarding documentation that the Smith Station site in Clark County, Kentucky is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") for the proposed construction of five combustion turbines and one circulating fluidized bed coal fired generator. East Kentucky's response indicated that the required environmental reviews are ongoing, but no definitive dates for completion of the reviews were given.

Based on the data response, the Commission finds that no findings can be made on East Kentucky's request for a site compatibility certificate under KRS 278.216 until documentation is filed showing compliance with NEPA or, alternatively, a site assessment report is submitted. Consequently, the Commission will hold this case in abeyance until East Kentucky files the necessary environmental documentation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This case shall be held in abeyance until East Kentucky files documentation of compliance with NEPA or, alternatively, a site assessment report, as required by KRS 278.216(2).

2. East Kentucky shall file a report every 60 days from the date of this Order describing in detail the status of its efforts to obtain the requisite environmental approvals, the further actions that need to be taken, and the estimated dates of completion.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director