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RE: Case# 2005-00142 &
Case# 2005-00152

Dear Mr. Mark Goss;

I just read in the News Enterprise that Kentucky Utilities/LGE/E-ON paid for an independent study to determine if Kentucky's electric infrastructure has any vulnerability that requires attention. You were quoted as saying "we cannot afford to be complacent." We cannot afford to be overly eager to fix things if they are not broken either. Just what are the weaknesses this 'Independent Study' found? It didn't just happen to find that KU needed three new transmission lines and a new coal fired generation plant did it?

I find it very unsettling that Kentucky Utilities bought and paid for this independent study and now they are requesting a new power plant and transmission lines. I also find it very unsettling that power companies in neighboring states have requested a 25% interest in the proposed Trimble County power plant site case #2005-00152. Why should the residence of Kentucky foot the bill for a generation plant that is used to support another states consumption of energy? The residence will be forced to do so when their rates start increasing. How do you determine who gets to pay for an independent study when you order one to be conducted? Why is a vested interest company allowed to pay for a study in the first place? Shouldn't that task be reserved for the Public Service Commission so it really is unbiased? Kentucky is notorious for its lack of proper ethics control and rightfully so, you do remember the Kennedy Bridge scandal don't you? Shouldn't you be ensuring that there is no preconceived or misconception of wrong doing?

I am requesting that another completely independent unbiased study be done to determine if indeed there are vulnerabilities to our electrical system in the state of Kentucky. If deficiencies are truly determined then we need to address how would be the best way to correct them? A truly unbiased study should determine which power company would be qualified to correct the deficiencies depending on where the deficiencies were found. It seems unethical to award

this right solely on a bought and paid for study by Kentucky Utilities. Other utilities have a vested interest in the state of Kentucky's welfare. Shouldn't they also have the right to correct the deficiencies?

I just have a really hard time believing this is in the best interest of Kentucky when the parent company requesting the plant and transmission lines is a foreign global seller of energy and is requesting to sell 25% of the power plant to other states and bought and paid for the "Independent Study." Did these other states chip in on the cost of this "Independent Study?" Am I just missing something here? Please, let me know if I am.

Have you noticed that LG&E and KU have increased their television and radio commercials lately? "Power That Lasts," "Ready for the Future," and "Without Harming the Environment."

These and other ads will be numerous for months to come. These strategically timed ads is E-ON's way of trying to convince the people of Kentucky that the New 750 MW coal fired generation plant and three new high voltage transmission lines are needed and will benefit the residence of Kentucky.

Do they think we are MORONS? You can not burn more coal and build 59 miles of transmission lines without harming the environment. The coal they intend to burn in this 750 MW plant has to be mined from somewhere. The 59 miles of new transmission lines have to be clear cut, sprayed with brush killer and accessed with heavy equipment in order to be built. The polluted air from the 750 MW plant has to float over someone's house possibly even yours. Don't be fooled, E-ON doesn't care about the environment; it cares only- about -the-money.

E-ON, a German owned company, is a huge global producer of energy. They are the parent company of KU and LG&E. Yes, the \$52 million dollars they are spending is indeed for the future, BUT NOT OURS. They are spending this huge amount of money so they can tie together all of their electrical grids to move and sell massive amounts of energy throughout the whole United States. It is for their profit, not ours, but it is at our expense. We will be forced to breath the polluted air, give up the farm ground, lose our vital wetlands and habitat therefore harm our wildlife. Give up all of this for a foreign company? I think not. Let's not even discuss the rate increases that will follow. Plus the affected landowners have the wonderful pleasure of paying the taxes on the land they take from us for the rest of our lives.

Do they think we are MORONS? "Power that Lasts," it lasts alright, until the next time the wind blows. If they wanted us to have "Power that Lasts," they would be spending this money on upgrading and improving the existing rotten distribution

systems they currently have. The very same ones that go out every time the wind blows and their customers have to sit in the cold or hot dark for days on end. This is where the money needs to be spent. How is a new transmission line or a coal fired plant going to help these customers, the ones that need these improvements the most? "Ready for the Future," they are not even remotely ready for the present. Just ask your everyday hard working KU or LG&E employee where the money needs to be spent. Yes, they are hard working, hard working because E-ON will not hire enough employees to get the jobs done! They contract most of their work to out of state contractors instead of hiring local employees. This really helps Kentucky's economy doesn't it?

I know the Kentucky Public Service Commission will take a very serious look at this and I sure do hope you will indeed request that a new study be performed for the residence of Kentucky. When we destroy farm land, wetlands, woods, habitat and wildlife and create more pollution we need to be absolutely sure it is all for the right reasons and not just so a foreign company can increase production for profits. The beautiful great state of Kentucky and all of its residence deserve better than this.

Sincerely,



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