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RE: PSC Case No. 2005-00207

As residents of Barren County and property owners affected by the East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) proposed construction of new 161 kV electric transmission line, we are writing to the Public Service Commission to voice our strong protest to this project.

There is growing acceptance world wide for the validity of studies linking electric power transmission lines to health risks such as childhood and adult leukemia, brain tumors, spontaneous abortion, pace maker and automatic defibrillator malfunction, Alzheimer's and Lou Gehrig's disease, depression and suicide... and the list is growing. Add to that list the carcinogenic effect of ionizing particles in the air around the lines.

This is not an issue to be decided FOR us by EKPC, WRECC or the Public Service Commission. We, as land owners and residents, BELIEVE in the validity of the growing number of studies and research proving the monumental health risks associated with these electric transmission lines that would potentially be constructed in OUR yards and farmlands and over OUR ponds and streams. We resoundingly say NO POWER LINES.

The energy industry and government agencies can not go on ignoring these significant health issues indefinitely. Would YOU choose to live in an environment where your children were likely

to contract leukemia or form brain tumors? Where your pregnant wives/daughters were likely to spontaneously abort *their* babies simply by driving under a power transmission line?

Additionally, the primary stated purpose of this project will be to provide sufficient electric power transmission capacity to enable EKPC to serve WRECC. This is absolutely an obvious duplication of electric services already in place, operating with sufficient and reliable capacity and at relatively low cost to Warren County consumers.

Barren County residents and land owners as well as the other counties affected by the path of this proposed project **should not be held captive** by the imminent exposure to health issues which are certain to victimize our families and livestock in the years to come.

We would like to know WHO is going to take responsibility for the future medical expenses AND value of life lost which is certain to emanate from this transmission line. Medicaid in Kentucky is already at an all time high. We predict that the four affected counties' Medicaid costs will increase exponentially in parallel with the construction and activation of this power line.


Considering the duplicity of this project, the impact to landowners' property values, the ravaging of our wonderfully beautiful countryside, environmental factors AND the imminent health issues, we are convinced that there is no legitimate public convenience OR necessity to be provided by this proposed project.

No, we don't want this power line on or near our property but we also don't want this power line on or near our neighbors' property.... or even yours for that matter. Let us set a precedent with this case and say NO to this proposed project together.

Sincerely,



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