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Chairman Armstrong

Dear Governor Beshear:

The Public Service Commission, or at least some members of its legal staff, has apparently instituted an implicit policy of preventing environmentalists from participating in certain cases that involve electric utility companies. I am currently trying to become involved in two cases where the PSC has barred environmentalists from providing pertinent information that could help it make better decisions. I have just applied to participate in two more cases, the rate cases recently initiated by KU and LG&E.

Other legitimate special interests such as large industrial corporations and low-income customers are routinely and promptly granted full intervention. The PSC's recent actions appear to constitute undue discrimination against environmentalists.

PSC staff members have devoted significant amounts of time and effort to trying to keep environmentalists out, even though these cases have implications for energy efficiency and therefore for the environment. This represents a waste of limited resources for all concerned. As a regulatory agency with the word "Public" in its name, the PSC should be happy to receive comments and active involvement from all interested parties, especially if they have valuable information to contribute. The name of your newly-reorganized cabinet is the Energy **and Environment** Cabinet. Why are environmental considerations being excluded from energy regulatory cases?

Please ask the three PSC commissioners to change their staff's de-facto policy and to allow serious groups and individuals with an environmental perspective to participate in pertinent cases on an equal basis with other special interests.

Please let me know what action you decide to take in regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



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