

2008-00251

Dear Mr. McMillin:

The PSC has received your comments regarding the rate adjustment requested by Kentucky Utilities Co. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. For your future reference, the case number in this matter is 2008-00251. Please reference this case number in any future correspondence.

The case file in this matter, as in all matters before the PSC, is available at the PSC Web site.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

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Thank you for this opportunity to voice our thoughts on your new Trimble County coal fired energy and pollution producing marvel.

Let me begin by asking why the Trimble County Coal Plant is not needed now or in the foreseeable future? Since it is the major reason for this rate increase and is only 26% completed and could be stopped before it cost the ratepayers any more, why not consider converting it to a more efficient dependent source of energy production?

There is some evidence to conclude that KU/LG&E can not meet the federal mandate of CO2 emissions and other small particulate in order to obtain the necessary air quality permit and that KU/LG&E does not have a pro-active Demand Side Management program to offset increased energy usage.

Another question: E.On, the parent company of KU & LG&E, has consistently failed to even attempt to use alternative sources of energy such as solar, wind, biomass here in the United States, but in their home country of Germany they are very pro-active. Why is this?

The rate payers can not have this unnecessary burden placed upon them when alternatives have never been evaluated or attempted to be studied. The PSC and Attorney General has the authority to reopen Case No 2004-00507 and examine the cost attributable to the construction of the Trimble County Plant that is the reason for

these requested rate increases. If you pursue with this so obviously intended ignorance of alternative energy possibilities and your intentionally delayed request for customer comments so late in your game, then you leave very little room for your customers to do anything other than request this of the the Attorney General and the PSC.

You are very likely to witness a forthcoming demand as to why the PSC has not reopened Case No 2004-00507 and evaluated this need that was based on outdated data supplied by KU/LGE that has never been revised to reflect the fallen growth rate from 1.9 to 1.3 which is considered significant. That order to be issued by the PSC will be specifically requested to evaluate whether the company needs to speed up, slow down or stop construction completely.

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