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March 7, 2012

Frost Brown Todd LLC  
Attention: Mark David Goss  
250 West Main Street, Suite 2800  
Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1749

Re: East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.  
Petition for Confidential Protection received 2/16/12  
PSC Reference #: 2011-00483

Dear Mr. Goss:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on February 16, 2012 on behalf of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. ("EKPC"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in EKPC's Responses to Data Request Nos. 19 and 20 requested in Appendix to Commission's Order dated January 26, 2012. The information is more particularly described as bid tabulation sheets identifying coal vendors, ranking of proposals, current coal pricing, volume of usage, proposal evaluation procedures and coal acquisition strategies.

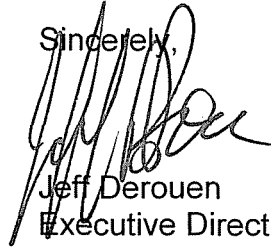
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise EKPC's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to EKPC's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record