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March 27, 2015

#### PARTIES OF RECORD

Re:

Case No. 2014-00396

Minutes of the Information Session and Public Meeting

Perry County Central High School

Hazard, Kentucky March 24, 2015

Attached is a copy of the memorandum summarizing the public meeting held March 24, 2015 in Hazard, Kentucky, which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. If you have any questions, please contact Aaron Ann Cole, Staff Attorney, at 502-782-2591.

Sincerely

Jeff Deroven

Executive Director

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Attachment



## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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# MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING PERRY COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL HAZARD, KENTUCKY MARCH 24, 2015 5:30 P.M.

A public information session and public meeting was held at Perry County Central High School in Hazard, Perry County, Kentucky, on March 24, 2015. Andrew Melnykovych, Director of Communications for the Public Service Commission, conducted the information session introducing the Commission and Commission Staff, and explained the procedure and protocol for the information session and the public hearing. Mr. Melnykovych then presented an overview of the legal basis, criteria and review process for the Commission's consideration of applications for proposed rate increases. The presentation included a general overview of the instant application, explained which aspects of this case are within the Commission's jurisdiction, and concluded with a question-and-answer period with Commission Staff.

At the conclusion of the information session and after a short intermission, Chairman David Armstrong initiated the public hearing portion of the meeting, providing a brief overview of the case at bar, the parties involved, and setting forth the procedure and protocol for the taking of comments. Chairman Armstrong then invited the public to make comments to the Commission regarding Kentucky Power Company's ("Kentucky Power) application for an adjustment in rates to increase adjusted annual revenue by \$70 million. The following individuals spoke at the public meeting:

- 1. <u>Jimmy Ray Lyndon</u> Mayor Lyndon is the Mayor of Hazard and has been a citizen of Hazard since 1962. He asked why scrubbers could not simply be put on the Louisa plant, and why American Electric Power ("AEP") needed to buy what it already owned. Mayor Lyndon noted that there are a lot of people who are not working, who have low incomes and cannot afford the power bills they currently have. He stated that he understands that Kentucky Power needs to sometimes increase rates, but again expressed the desire to place scrubbers on the Louisa plant.
- 2. Haven King Perry County Clerk Haven King stated that he believed the citizens of Kentucky were "buying the plant for AEP in West Virginia" and expressed his displeasure that the plant utilized Virginia coal when it should be using Kentucky coal. He stated that Eastern Kentucky has lost "thousands and thousands" of jobs and noted that jobs cure a lot of things. Mr. King stated that "coal won World War I and World War II". He stated that some people in his community had to wear coats in their homes because they could not afford to pay their power bill. Mr. King pointed out that citizens should not have to choose between buying food, medicine, or paying their power bill.

- 3. <u>Scott Alexander</u> -- Judge Alexander is the Perry County Judge/Executive. He stated that Kentucky Power would want a \$70 million every year, and asked, "How much money is enough money?" He contended that Kentucky Power will continue asking for more and more funds. Judge Alexander noted that 2,000 jobs have been lost in his community, and stated that scrubbers should have been put on the Big Sandy plant.
- 4. <u>Jim Ward</u> Judge Ward is the Letcher County Judge/Executive. He stated that the Public Service Commission needs to be on the side of the public, and urged the Commission to look at the parent or holding company before looking at a rate increase. He stated that people in his community cannot afford what they are paying right now and should not have to decide between food, medicine, and paying their power bill.
- 5. <u>Jacob Colley</u>: Mr. Colley is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. He spoke only regarding the proposed economic development surcharge. Mr. Colley stated that he is in support of this proposed surcharge. He said that Kentucky Power has invested significant resources in the community's economy and supported local economic development. For these reasons, he fully supports the proposed economic development surcharge.
- 6. <u>Dewey Gorman</u>: Mr. Gorman stated that Kentucky Power is good for the community, but that it should "toe the line and watch their expenses". He stated that Kentucky Power should have been maintaining the Louisa plant and should not have taken money out of the local community.

7. Scott Alexander<sup>1</sup>: Judge Alexander stated that the community "can't take any more hits." He said that "numbers don't lie, liars use numbers" and that he doubted there was a businessman out there who would be for an increase on their power bill.

No other member of the public wished to make a comment. The public hearing was then adjourned. All persons in attendance were asked to sign in and provide their home address for the record. The sign-in sheet is attached hereto as Appendix A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Alexander spoke twice: once in this role as the Perry County Judge/Executive and once as a small business owner in Perry County.

#### APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO A PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2014-0396 DATED MAR 2 7 2015

**PUBLIC MEETING - SIGN-IN SHEET** 

Case No. 2014-00396 – Kentucky Power rate adjustment Hazard, March 24, 2015

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3 Gelsy Clemon	601 Mainst Huzard, 8	YES NO
4 Lucas Campbell	Hazard	YES NO
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6 Javan Din	HAZAN	YES NO
7 Alpan Soften	Jankfort	YES NO
8 Agrey Gra	V	YES NO
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10 De Corner	Muzacel	YES NO

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