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Jeff DeRouen
Executive Director
KY Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Investigation of Kentucky Utilities Company's and Louisville Gas and Electric Company's Respective Need for and Cost of Multiphase Landfills at the Trimble County and Ghent Generating Stations Case No. 2015-00194

Dear Mr. DeRouen:

We understand that the Kentucky Division of Solid Waste has issued Sterling Ventures, LLC a permit to place coal combustion residuals ("CCR") from the Trimble County Generating Facility in the Sterling Mine. We also understand that in Case No. 2015-00194 before the Commission, employees of LG&E and Kentucky Utilities Company (the "Companies"), and their paid consultants, opined that the Sierra Club would object to, and would most likely file a citizens' suit to prevent, Sterling from using Trimble County's CCR for mine ventilation.

We would like to correct the record. At no time did anyone from the Companies, or their consultants, contact the Sierra Club regarding our position on the Sterling mine as an alternative to the Trimble Landfill. We object to the Companies' characterization of our position on the matter.

Sterling, however, did reach out to the Sierra Club, and invited us to the mine to tour the facility and ask questions regarding the proposed use. Sterling has also offered to work with the Sierra Club, and its expert consultants, to ensure compliance with the new CCR regulations.

The Companies' claim that a potential lawsuit by the Sierra Club should prevent the Commission from considering Sterling's mine as a viable alternative to the proposed CCR landfill is misplaced. The Sierra Club believes that the Commission should consider all viable alternatives to the Trimble County CCR Landfill, including the Sterling proposal, provided such an alternative is found to be adequately protective of the environment. But the same standard should apply to all alternatives. The Sierra Club has raised serious concerns regarding environmental implications of the Companies' proposed landfill, in its various iterations, including the current one.

Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Nachy Kanfer
Deputy Director, Central Region
Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign