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Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
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Re: PSC Case No. 2016-00002

Dear Executive Director:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-referenced case an original and ten copies of the affidavit of Kentucky Press Service, Inc. and the newspaper classified advertisements providing notice of hearing for East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark David Goss (by Ego R. Goss)".

Mark David Goss

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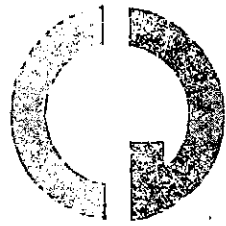
COUNTY OF Franklin

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county and state, this 29th day of March, 2016 came Rachel McCarty, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, states as follows: that she is the Advertising Assistant of the Kentucky Press Service, Inc.; that she has personal knowledge of the contents of this affidavit; and that the publications included on the attached list published the Legal Notice for East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. .

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT AND SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION
The Board of Trustees of the Worthington Fire Protection District, on March 16, 2016, enacted a Resolution entitled:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky Issued an order on February 5, 2016, scheduling a hearing to be held on April 7, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examining witnesses in Case No. 2016-00003, which is an Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Knott County Water and Sewer District

Knott County Branch Lines Water Supply Project - Contract 27

Separate sealed bids for the construction of this contract will be received by the Knott County Water and Sewer District, 7777 Big Branch Road, Vicco, Kentucky 41773, until Wednesday, April 13th, 2016, 2:00 P.M. local time.

Immediately following the scheduled closing time for reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions set forth will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Knott County Water and Sewer District conference room in Vicco, Kentucky.

The work to be bid consists of:

Construction of approximately 17,000 linear feet of 4 inch waterline and approximately 34,000 linear feet of 3 inch waterline. The Contractor shall furnish all materials, equipment and labor necessary to complete the construction of the waterline, appurtenances and reclamation. Project will include a 200 GPM Pump Station and appurtenances as an alternate addition. Time of completion of the contract is 180 calendar days.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and Executive Order 11246 and Title VI. Minority bidders are encouraged to bid.

There is to be a pre-bid held at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at the Knott County Water and Sewer District conference room located at 7777 Big Branch Road, Vicco, Kentucky. All potential bidders are encouraged to attend.

Sealed proposals for the Contract shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as follows:

Sealed Proposal For:

Knott County Water and Sewer District
Branch Lines Water Supply Project - Contract 27
Not to be opened until April 13, 2016, 2:00 P.M.

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal must be enclosed in another envelope and mailed to allow sufficient time for such mailing to reach this address, 7777 Big Branch Road, Vicco, KY 41773, prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals.

Zoo's cheetah mom Willow dies

Shauna Steigerwald
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Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden officials are mourning the loss of Willow, the cheetah who gave birth to five cubs on March 8.

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said. "They need the exercise to build muscle tone and get their guts moving."

Later, the dog's role will switch to that of a teacher, helping the cats learn the difference between fighting and playing, for example.

The cubs will stay in the nursery for at least eight weeks. Zoo officials have said that important benchmarks for their survival are the first week, which they've already surpassed, and the first month. Zoo visitors may get a peek at them from nursery windows, but some care will take place out of public view.

Once they leave the nursery, the cubs will be hand-raised and will be trained as cheetah ambassadors, which visit schools to let students learn about the animals up close.

Cheetahs are endangered, with their population estimated at 9,000 to 12,000 worldwide. (That's compared with approximately 100,000 in 1900.) As a result, their breeding in captivity is planned and monitored carefully. Because their breeding is most successful when they are able to choose from multiple mates, the Cheetah Species Survival Plan (SSP) has set up Regional Cheetah Breeding Facilities in zoos. The Cincinnati Zoo is one of nine institutions accredited for a breeding coalition.

Fifty-four cheetah cubs have been born at Mast Farm since it opened in 2002.

Grad schools rank in top 100 nationwide

Kate Murphy
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Several area universities' graduate programs are on the rise, ranking in the top 100 nationwide for 2017 published by U.S. News and World Report.

The University of Cincinnati master's program in nursing is now ranked No. 28, a move up 26 spots from 54th in 2016.

Xavier University has the 88th-best nursing school for a master's degree.

UC's pediatrics program held steady at third-best in the country as did the College of Medicine at 40th for research.

The UC College of Law is now ranked No. 60 in the country, up from 82nd in 2016.

UC's MBA program rose to No. 63, up seven spots since last year's report. Its part-time MBA program is ranked 82nd.

Miami University also saw significant jumps in its part-time MBA program, which is now ranked 28th in the nation.

Xavier's part-time MBA program is ranked 87th in the nation.

Xavier's health care management, 29th, and occupational therapy, 58th, programs also ranked in the top 100 for their respective programs.

Other UC graduate programs rose among the top 100 in their respective program areas include fine arts, 55th, physical therapy, 64th, audiology, 26th, education, 93rd, engineering, 82nd, and medical primary care, 67th.

Three other programs at Miami ranked in the top 100, including speech-language pathology, 69th, English, 77th, and history, 92nd.

Graduate school rankings for Northern Kentucky University were not listed in the 2017 U.S. News and World Report "Best Grad Schools" rankings.

Atheist group protesting ark park

Chris Kenning
(Louisville) Courier-Journal

An atheist group is planning a billboard campaign in Kentucky to protest the \$92 million Noah's Ark replica theme park, set to open in July.

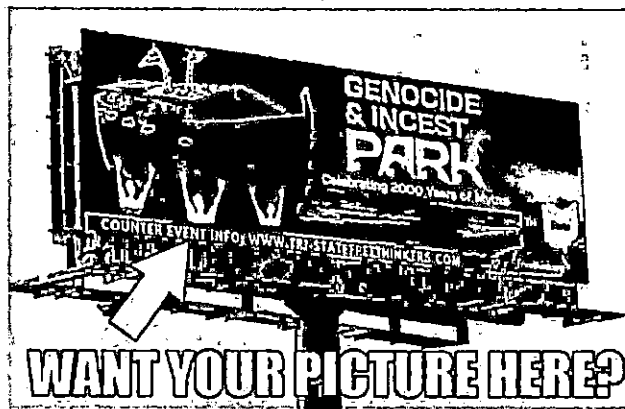
The Tri-State Freethinkers group said it raised more than \$3,000 to erect several billboards titled "Genocide & Incest Park: Celebrating 2,000 years of myths." In a rendering, the billboard shows people drowning around an ark.

The campaign is meant to argue that "it's a genocide park that celebrates the destruction of humankind, minus whoever was on the ark," said Freethinkers spokesman Tony Arnold, including "repopulation through nefarious means."

The Ark Encounter, a 510-foot wooden ship as described in the Old Testament, is under construction in Grant County near Interstate 75. It will include a petting zoo, theater, cafes, gift shop and 4,000-space parking lot. The ark park is 45 miles south of the Creation Museum, which presents a literal interpretation of Genesis and argues the Earth is only 6,000 years old and that dinosaurs and humans co-existed.

Both are products of a group called Answers in Genesis. Last month, AIG President Ken Ham said the ark would feature animal replicas including dinosaurs.

On Friday, he said the campaign amounted to an attack on Christianity. "We appreciate the fact that they are paying for the billboard to now bring more publicity to the Ark Encounter," he said. "Millions will visit



Rendering of billboard campaign by atheist group to counter the Ark Encounter, set to open in July.

the Ark Encounter."

The Freethinkers group — advocates for equal rights and the separation of church and state that includes 1,300 members in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio — got the idea after seeing billboards about the ark park. The group raised more than \$3,000 in less than 24 hours, Arnold said. Those who donate \$500 can have their photo on the billboard as one of the people drowning around the ark, he said.

After finding a billboard provider "willing to take the heat," the group could erect the billboards soon. Arnold would not say which company was involved or exactly where the

signs would be placed.

Last year, Answers in Genesis filed a federal lawsuit after the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet rejected the group's application for up to \$18 million in state tax incentives based on its "religious purpose and message." In January, a U.S. District Judge ruled the state could not exclude the ark attraction based on those reasons, and Kentucky Republican Gov. Matt Bevin declined to appeal.

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said. "They need the exercise to build muscle tone and get their guts moving."

Later, the dog's role will switch to that of a teacher, helping the cats learn the difference between fighting and playing, for example.

The cubs will stay in the nursery for at least eight weeks. Zoo officials have said that important benchmarks for their survival are the first week, which they've already surpassed, and the first month. Zoo visitors may get a peek at them from nursery windows, but some care will take place out of public view.

Once they leave the nursery, the cubs will be hand-raised and will be trained as cheetah ambassadors, which visit schools to let students learn about the animals up close.

Cheetahs are endangered, with their population estimated at 9,000 to 12,000 worldwide. (That's compared with approximately 100,000 in 1900.) As a result, their breeding in captivity is planned and monitored carefully. Because their breeding is most successful when they are able to choose from multiple mates, the Cheetah Species Survival Plan (SSP) has set up Regional Cheetah Breeding Facilities in zoos. The Cincinnati Zoo is one of nine institutions accredited for a breeding coalition.

Fifty-four cheetah cubs have been born at Mast Farm since it opened in 2002.

Grad schools rank in top 100 nationwide

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Several area universities' graduate programs are on the rise, ranking in the top 100 nationwide for 2017 published by U.S. News and World Report.

The University of Cincinnati master's program in nursing is now ranked No. 28, a move up 26 spots from 54th in 2016.

Xavier University has the 88th-best nursing school for a master's degree.

UC's pediatrics program held steady at third-best in the country as did the College of Medicine at 40th for research.

The UC College of Law is now ranked No. 60 in the country, up from 82nd in 2016.

UC's MBA program rose to No. 63, up seven spots since last year's report. Its part-time MBA program is ranked 82nd.

Miami University also saw significant jumps in its part-time MBA program, which is now ranked 28th in the nation.

Xavier's part-time MBA program is ranked 87th in the nation. Xavier's health care management, 29th, and occupational therapy, 58th, programs also ranked in the top 100 for their respective programs.

Other UC graduate programs rose among the top 100 in their respective program areas include fine arts, 55th, physical therapy, 64th, audiology, 26th, education, 93rd, engineering, 82nd, and medical primary care, 67th.

Three other programs at Miami ranked in the top 100, including speech-language pathology, 69th, English, 77th, and history, 92nd.

Graduate school rankings for Northern Kentucky University were not listed in the 2017 U.S. News and World Report "Best Grad Schools" rankings.

Atheist group protesting ark park

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An atheist group is planning a billboard campaign in Kentucky to protest the \$92 million Noah's Ark replica theme park, set to open in July.

The Tri-State Freethinkers group said it raised more than \$3,000 to erect several billboards titled "Genocide & Incest Park: Celebrating 2,000 years of myths." In a rendering, the billboard shows people drowning around an ark.

The campaign is meant to argue that "it's a genocide park that celebrates the destruction of humankind, minus whoever was on the ark," said Freethinkers spokesman Tony Arnold, including "repopulation through nefarious means."

The Ark Encounter, a 510-foot wooden ship as described in the Old Testament, is under construction in Grant County near Interstate 75. It will include a petting zoo, theater, cafes, gift shop and 4,000-space parking lot. The ark park is 45 miles south of the Creation Museum, which presents a literal interpretation of Genesis and argues the Earth is only 6,000 years old and that dinosaurs and humans co-existed.

Both are products of a group called Answers in Genesis. Last month, AiG President Ken Ham said the ark would feature animal replicas including dinosaurs.

On Friday, he said the campaign amounted to an attack on Christianity. "We appreciate the fact that they are paying for the billboard to now bring more publicity to the Ark Encounter," he said. "Millions will visit



COURTESY TRI-STATE FREETHINKERS

Rendering of billboard campaign by atheist group to counter the Ark Encounter, set to open in July.

the Ark Encounter."

The Freethinkers group — advocates for equal rights and the separation of church and state that includes 1,300 members in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio — got the idea after seeing billboards about the ark park. The group raised more than \$3,000 in less than 24 hours, Arnold said. Those who donate \$500 can have their photo on the billboard as one of the people drowning around the ark, he said.

After finding a billboard provider "willing to take the heat," the group could erect the billboards soon. Arnold would not say which company was involved or exactly where the

signs would be placed.

Last year, Answers in Genesis filed a federal lawsuit after the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet rejected the group's application for up to \$18 million in state tax incentives based on its "religious purpose and message." In January, a U.S. District Judge ruled the state could not exclude the ark attraction based on those reasons, and Kentucky Republican Gov. Matt Bevin declined to appeal.

Groups such as the Americans United for Separation of Church and State have objected to Answers in Genesis using religious preferences in hiring.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 am Eastern Daylight Time on Thursday, April 7, 2016, in Hearing Room 1 at its offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602, for the purposes of cross-examination of witnesses of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., ("EKPC") and intervenors in PSC Case No. 2016-00002, regarding an examination of the application of the fuel adjustment clause of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The Commission's decision in this case may affect the retail rates of the following EKPC member systems: Big Sandy RECC, Blue Grass Energy Cooperative, Clark Energy Cooperative, Cumberland Valley Electric, Farmers RECC, Fleming-Mason Energy Cooperative, Grayson RECC, Inter-County Energy Cooperative, Jackson Energy Cooperative, Licking Valley RECC, Nolin RECC, Owen Electric Cooperative, Salt River Electric Cooperative, Shelby Energy Cooperative, South Kentucky RECC, and Taylor County RECC.

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