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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**From:** Jeff Dobson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 10:10 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Knott County

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## Knott County Fiscal Court

**Jeff Dobson**  
Judge Executive  
P.O. Box 505  
54 West Main St  
Hindman KY 41822



Telephone: [REDACTED]  
Fax: [REDACTED]

Dear Chairman Chandler:

Knott County residents and businesses are served by Kentucky Power. In contemplating the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities, I realize that many factors come into play, but as a customer and being in community leadership, I would like to share my support and urge this sale.

Liberty wants to serve us, is eager to grow, and plans to bring jobs to the region. They will also keep all current Kentucky Power staff, along with keeping the headquarters in Ashland. They want to become part of Kentucky communities.

I have heard from Kentucky Power and Liberty and I am convinced that the sale will be a benefit to our organization and other customers. Liberty leadership recently met with us, and answered numerous questions. Kentucky Power has been a great community partner and service provider, but it's clear that AEP's management feels like Kentucky Power doesn't fit into the overall direction they are going.

I realize you are weighing a lot of other factors, but I urge you to approve the sale as quickly as possible.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Dobson".

JEFF DOBSON

KNOTT COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Support for Liberty Utilities  
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**From:** Diane Holbrook [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Donovan Blackburn  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Liberty Utilities

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Dear Mr. Chandler,

Attached please find my letter of support for the purchase of the Kentucky Power Company by Liberty Utilities. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Donovan Blackburn

**Donovan Blackburn**

*President & CEO*

Pikeville Medical Center

Office: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]



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March 14, 2022

Kent Chandler, Chairman  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Liberty Utilities

Dear Mr. Chandler:

This letter is to serve as Pikeville Medical Center's letter of support for the sale of the Kentucky Power Company to Liberty Utilities.

Pikeville Medical Center is eastern Kentucky's regional medical center serving a population of more than 400,000 people; providing more than 400 medical services and employing more than 3,000 employees. As a result, Pikeville Medical Center is a top ten customer of the Kentucky Power Company.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with leaders of Liberty Utilities and provided them with a tour of our facility. We had the chance to discuss future partnerships and reflect on the long standing relationship that we shared with the Kentucky Power Company. I was impressed to learn that Liberty Utilities is a strong company that provides electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater services to more than one million people in the United States and Canada. Their vast experience working with a large customer base will provide the stability needed in moving forward. Additionally, I was happy to hear that all current Kentucky Power Company jobs will be retained with this purchase and that they will be adding 100 to 125 more jobs, which indicates that they are committed to supporting the community and economic growth in our region.

I appreciate your time and attention to my letter and again support the sale of the Kentucky Power Company to Liberty Utilities. Should you request any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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Donovan Blackburn  
President/Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors Vice-Chairman

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**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
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**From:** Chuck Sexton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 4:55 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for Sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities

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Please see attached a support letter regarding this transaction.

## Charles Sexton

**President & CEO | One East Kentucky**

513 THIRD STREET BLDG A STE 100

PAINTSVILLE, KY 41240

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





March 11, 2022

Kent A. Chandler  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**RE: Sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities**

Chairman Chandler,

As President/CEO of One East Kentucky I wish to extend our support, as well as that of our Board of Directors, for the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities. In addition, we speak on the behalf of 40+ privately owned businesses in East Kentucky who wish to see this transaction proceed.

Kentucky Power has been a tremendous partner in our efforts to bring new jobs and private investment to the Coal Fields of Kentucky. In a recent meeting with Liberty Utilities executives, they promised to continue, and possibly broaden that support throughout the service territory.

Liberty will not only financially support efforts as well as communities across east Kentucky, but they will also have a direct impact on new jobs with the addition of 125 – 150 new employees needed to ensure appropriate service across the territory. They have shown proof of their contributions to communities in many other states in which they serve customers. We feel this sale will bring about additional positive changes within the Kentucky Power footprint.

Lastly, Liberty has shown a commitment to renewable energy sources that may provide a more stable portfolio and less volatility to the customer base here in Appalachia. We strongly urge you to approve the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities. I may be reached for further comments via the methods below.

Sincerely,

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Charles Sexton, President & CEO  
One East Kentucky

[www.oneeastky.com](http://www.oneeastky.com)

Chuck Sexton, President & CEO

513 Third Street, Suite 100 | Paintsville, KY 41240 | [REDACTED]



**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2022 4:54 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Liberty Letter of Support

Please find attached the Ashland Alliance letter of support for Liberty.

If you need anything else or have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,  
Missy



March 13, 2022

Public Service Commission

Change from what we know is always hard. The job of the Ashland Alliance is to support our existing business and industries of Northeast Kentucky and to attract jobs and investment for the people we serve. I am writing you today to express support for the transaction of Kentucky Power to Liberty Industries.

I have met with Liberty three times since the announcement of the sale. Liberty has made commitments of keeping the headquarters in downtown Ashland, add 100 jobs to backfill the support currently being provided in Columbus, Ohio by AEP, and the continuation of the economic development programs that has brought jobs and investment to Eastern Kentucky.

We will not know what the future will bring and what could happen until the time comes. What I know today is Liberty is committed to helping me build a new economy for the people of Northeast Kentucky. It is vital that the Ashland Alliance has a partnership for growth and development. Liberty has made this commitment.

If I can share this voice and my support for the transaction, please reach out to me at any time. I hope you feel the importance of this action and the impact to our future.

Sincerely,



Tim Gibbs, President/CEO  
Ashland Alliance

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**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Cc:** Michael Hayward [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Liberty Utilities Reference - attached

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Dear Chairman Chandler:

My name is Brad Johnson, and I serve at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO, as Vice President of Institutional Advancement. Liberty Utilities serves our power and water provider at SBU. As you consider the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty, I understand you balance a wide range of interests and complex issues. As a Liberty customer, I would like to offer the following for your consideration.

I am a Liberty customer personally, and Liberty also serves the University's power needs. Before Liberty purchased Empire District, we were well-served and had a strong relationship with the company. A couple of years back, we experienced the transition from Empire, a well-respected local utility with over 100 years of service in Southwest Missouri, and our four-state area, to Liberty, a company I was not familiar with at the time. I am pleased to share that the University has continued to receive excellent service from the Liberty team, many familiar faces in our local community. It was also crucial that Liberty maintain local leadership, a local presence and continue to provide good-paying jobs in the community. They followed through with this commitment, and I am confident the company will do the same and contribute not only jobs but support and service to the Kentucky communities that will benefit from their investment.

Of course, most important to Southwest Baptist University is the continuous delivery of cost-effective, reliable energy, and Liberty has continued to meet that expectation. In fact, since the acquisition of Empire, Liberty has upgraded its systems to improve reliability and enhance its technology. Truthfully, I have enjoyed even more interaction with Liberty personnel than I did with employees with Empire District. As a company with utilities across the country, they can also tap into operational expertise from across their organization to help drive improvements and innovation, which can help lower costs for customers. As a result, my confidence in Liberty continues to grow. I believe they will continue to be a great partner and meet our community's growing and changing energy needs.



# Southwest Baptist UNIVERSITY

March 15, 2022

Kent Chandler, Chairman  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

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I believe Liberty has proven that it can successfully transition customers from one company to another while maintaining operational excellence and trust as a valued community partner. If our experience is

any indicator at all, and I suspect it is, Kentucky Power customers will be well served very well by the good people of Liberty Utilities.

I wish you all the best as you consider this important decision for the residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Brad Johnson, Ed.D., CFRE  
Vice President for Institutional Advancement  
Southwest Baptist University

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Vice President for Institutional Advancement  
Southwest Baptist University  
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**From:** Jerrod Hogan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 12:27 PM  
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**Subject:** Liberty Utilities Letter of Support

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Chairman Chandler,

Please find attached my letter of support and experience with Liberty Utilities post Empire District acquisition in Joplin, Missouri. I hope this letter is helpful and I am happy to answer any follow up questions you or your Commission may have.

Thank you.

Jerrod

**Jerrod Hogan, PLS\* | CEO**  
**Anderson Engineering, Inc.**  
[REDACTED]  
[ae-inc.com](http://ae-inc.com)

(\*Licensed in MO, AR, KS, OK)

Dear Chairman Chandler:

My name is Jerrod Hogan, CEO of Anderson Engineering, Inc. My company is served by Liberty Joplin, Missouri. As you consider the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty, I understand you are balancing a wide range of interests and complex issues. As a Liberty customer, I would like to offer the following for your consideration.

I have been a Liberty customer, and before that, an Empire District Electric Company customer, for many years. I experienced the transition from Empire, a well-respected local utility with over 100 years of service in Southwest Missouri, and our four-state area, to Liberty, a company I was not familiar with at the time. I am pleased to share I continued to receive excellent service from the Liberty team, many of them familiar faces. It was also important to me that Liberty maintain local leadership, a local presence, and continue to provide good-paying jobs in the community, which they did and continue to do. I am confident the company will do the same and contribute not only jobs, but support and service to the Kentucky communities that will benefit from their investment. Of course, most important to my company is the ongoing delivery of cost-effective, reliable energy, and, Liberty has continued to meet that expectation. In fact, since the acquisition of Empire, Liberty has upgraded their systems to improve reliability and enhance their technology. As a company with utilities across the country, they can also tap into operational expertise from across their organization to help drive improvements and innovation, which can help lower costs for customers. I remain confident in their ability now and in the future to meet my needs as a customer and the changing energy needs of my community. Liberty also continued Empire's long tradition as a community partner. Liberty provides financial and volunteer support for a variety of local non-profits and agencies and actively engages in economic development initiatives that help our community grow and thrive. I have served on the Joplin Chamber board and many economic development organizations and Liberty is always one of the first to step up and support smart growth.

I believe Liberty has proven that it can successfully transition customers from one company to another, while maintaining operational excellence and trust as a valued community partner. From my perspective, Kentucky Power customers will be well served by Liberty.

Sincerely,



Jerrod Hogan, PLS  
CEO

**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:25 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
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**Subject:** 2022 Liberty Support Letter

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To whom it may concern. Please find attached.



**JONAS ARJES** | CEcD, MoCED, EDFP  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce & CVB  
and Taney County Partnership  
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**March 15, 2022**

Chairman Kent Chandler  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Chairman Chandler:

My name is Jonas Arjes, and I am the Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Development Officer for the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and CVB (BLACC). Taney County is served by Liberty in Branson, Hollister and Forsyth, Missouri. As you consider the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty, I understand you are balancing a wide range of interests and complex issues. As a Liberty customer (BLACC), partner and former business and residential customer, I would like to offer the following for your consideration.

We have been a Liberty customer, and before that, an Empire District Electric Company customer, for many years. We've experienced the transition from Empire, a well-respected local utility with over one hundred years of service in Southwest Missouri, and our four-state area, to Liberty, a company we were not familiar with at the time. I am pleased to share we continued to receive excellent service from the Liberty team, many of them familiar faces. It was also important to us that Liberty maintain local leadership, a local presence, and continue to provide good-paying jobs in the community, which they did and continue to do. I am confident the company will do the same and contribute not only jobs, but support and service to the Kentucky communities that will benefit from their investment.

Of course, most important to our business community is the ongoing delivery of cost-effective, reliable energy, and Liberty has continued to meet those expectations. In fact, since the acquisition of Empire, Liberty has upgraded their systems to improve reliability and enhance their technology. As a company with utilities across the country, they can also tap into operational expertise from across their organization to help drive improvements and innovation, which can help lower costs for customers. I remain confident in their ability now and in the future to meet our needs as a customer and the changing energy needs of our communities.

Liberty also continued Empire's long tradition as a community partner. Liberty provides financial and volunteer support for a variety of local non-profits and agencies and actively engages in economic development initiatives that help our community grow and thrive. Empire, and now Liberty, was a charter investor in the Taney County Partnership, which is the economic development department of the BLACC and the only professional economic development organizations serving all of Taney County.

I believe Liberty has proven that it can successfully transition customers from one company to another, while maintaining operational excellence and trust as a valued community partner. From our perspective, Liberty will serve Kentucky Power customers very well.

Kindest regards,

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Jonas Arjes CEcD, MoCED, EDFP  
EVP/CEDO, Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce & CVB  
Taney County Partnership

**PO Box 1897 4100 Gretna Road Branson, MO 65615**



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**From:** Jim Cullumber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2022 10:02 AM  
**To:** PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter in support of Liberty Utilities

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Chairman Chandler,

Attached is a letter from the Crowder College Foundation of Neosho, MO, in support of Liberty Utilities. Thank you!

Jim Cullumber  
Director of Institutional Advancement  
Crowder College Foundation  
[REDACTED]

*Include Crowder College Foundation in your legacy giving plans and help educate generations of future students.*



March 15, 2022

Kent Chandler, Chairman  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Chairman Chandler:

My name is Jim Cullumber and I am Director of Institutional Advancement for the Crowder College Foundation. My organization is served by Liberty in Neosho, MO. As you consider the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty, I understand you are balancing a wide range of interests and complex issues.

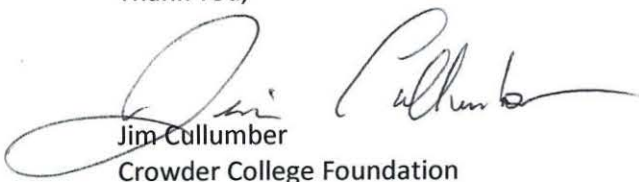
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Thank You,

  
Jim Cullumber  
Crowder College Foundation

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**Lauri Lyerla**  
CEO  
Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce



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 [www.neoshocc.com](http://www.neoshocc.com)  
 216 W. Spring St. , Neosho, MO 64850





216 W. Spring St, PO Box 605, Neosho, MO 64850 [REDACTED]

March 16, 2022

Kent Chandler  
Chairman  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Chairman Chandler:

My name is Lauri Lyerla and I am CEO of Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce. My community is served by Liberty in Newton County, MO. As you consider the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty, I understand you are balancing a wide range of interests and complex issues. As a Liberty customer, I would like to offer the following for your consideration.

I have been a Liberty customer, and before that, an Empire District Electric Company customer, for several years. I experienced the transition from Empire, a well-respected local utility with over 100 years of service in Southwest Missouri, and our four-state area, to Liberty, a company I was not familiar with at the time. I am pleased to share I continued to receive excellent service from the Liberty team, many of them familiar faces. It was also important to me that Liberty maintain local leadership, a local presence, and continue to provide good-paying jobs in the community, which they did and continue to do. I am confident the company will do the same and contribute not only jobs, but support and service to the Kentucky communities that will benefit from their investment.

Of course, most important to my community is the ongoing delivery of cost-effective, reliable energy, and, Liberty has continued to meet that expectation. In fact, since the acquisition of Empire, Liberty has upgraded their systems to improve reliability and enhance their technology. As a company with utilities across the country, they can also tap into operational expertise from across their organization to help drive improvements and innovation, which can help lower costs for customers. I remain confident in their ability now and in the future to meet my needs as a customer and the changing energy needs of my community.

Liberty also continued Empire's long tradition as a community partner. Liberty provides financial and volunteer support for a variety of local non-profits and agencies and actively engages in economic development initiatives that help our community grow and thrive.

I believe Liberty has proven that it can successfully transition customers from one company to another, while maintaining operational excellence and trust as a valued community partner. From my perspective, Kentucky Power customers will be well served by Liberty.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lauri Lyerla'.

Lauri Lyerla  
CEO, Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Hi,

Attached is a support letter for Liberty Utilities who look to purchase Kentucky Power. We are excited for the jobs they will create in the region and look forward to working with them.

Thanks,

Colby Kirk  
County Judge/Executive  
Martin County Fiscal Court  
P.O. Box 309  
Inez, KY 41224  
[REDACTED]

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Office: [REDACTED]

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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Chairman Chandler:

Kentucky Power serves a large portion of Martin County and its residents, and has since electricity has been in the area for as long as anyone can remember.

As you consider the sale of Kentucky Power, we understand there are several issues to address. As a customer and leader in the Martin County community, I would like to share our support of the sale to Liberty.

Kentucky Power has been a great community partner, but it's clear that AEP's management feels that it no longer fits into the overall direction they are going, which brings us to where we are today. Through questions and research, we believe the sale will be a benefit to our community.

We now have a company - Liberty - that is well established and wants to serve us, is excited to grow, and plans to add jobs to the region. They will retain the legacy, knowledge, and experience of the existing employees and are looking forward to becoming part of our community.

We realize you are weighing many factors, but urge you to approve the sale as quickly as possible.

Regards,

Colby Kirk

Martin County Judge/Executive



**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Cc:** Amanda C Clark [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Support Letter for potential sale of KY Power to Liberty Utilities

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Please find attached the support letter for the potential sale of KY Power to Liberty Utilities. If you should have any questions, please contact me at (606)638-4102, opt. 4 or on my mobile at (606) 624-6674. You can also reach out to me via my email at [REDACTED].

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Doty  
Lawrence County Deputy Judge

# Lawrence County Judge/Executive



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**PHILLIP L. CARTER**

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March 15, 2021

Kent A. Chandler  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd.  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: Potential Sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities

Chairman Chandler,

As Judge Executive of Lawrence County, I would like to express my support of the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities.

I believe this transaction will be beneficial for eastern Kentucky. After meeting with Liberty, I understand the company intends to keep all of Kentucky Power's employees. It will maintain its headquarters in Ashland and add over 100 additional jobs to the territory.

I also understand that Liberty has made a commitment to continue the economic development efforts and community support that has been a long tradition for Kentucky Power.

I am aware the decision before the Commission will not be taken lightly. I urge you to approve this sale without delay for the good of eastern Kentucky.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillip L. Carter".

Phillip L. Carter  
Lawrence County Judge Executive

**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
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# City of Prestonsburg

200 North Lake Drive • Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Office: [REDACTED] • Fax: [REDACTED]

Mayor Les Stapleton

March 17, 2022

Dear Chairman Chandler:

The City of Prestonsburg sits in the middle of a rural cooperative being served by Kentucky Power, and has been for many decades. As a customer and Mayor of Prestonsburg, I would like to submit support of the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty.

I am excited to learn that Liberty will continue economic support and assist in growth in our region, and keep the headquarters within the region. Liberty has a strong record of supplying reliable service to customers. I believe that this is the best path forward for securing a strong local utility and reliable service for the future.

I have heard from Kentucky Power and Liberty and I am convinced that the sale will benefit our city and citizens. Kentucky Power has been a well-known community partner and service provider, but it is evident that Kentucky Power does not fit into the future of AEP's direction going forward.

Liberty is interested in the region and wants to serve us, they are excited to grow, and have plans to bring approximately 100 new jobs to the region to instill a local sense of belonging. More importantly, they want to become a part of the community and plan to keep all Kentucky Power staff who has the local knowledge and years of experience in our area.

I know there are many issues to address in this process, but I wanted to reach out to provide my support of Liberty in their enthusiasm to purchase Kentucky Power.

Regards,

Les Stapleton  
Mayor – City of Prestonsburg



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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**From:** Jordan Gibson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2022 1:00 PM  
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**Subject:** Kentucky Power / Liberty Utilities

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Please find attached my letter of support for the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities.

**Jordan Gibson, MBA, IOM | President & CEO**  
Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Patton Leadership Institute Class of 2015  
178 College Street | Pikeville, KY 41501

[REDACTED]



March 18, 2022

Dear Chairman Chandler,

The Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce represents eight counties in eastern Kentucky, including Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike. We understand you are balancing several complex issues during this process, but we would like to show our support of the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities.

The Chamber has been involved in meetings with Liberty and Kentucky Power and we believe that the sale will benefit our organization and business partners, as well as the employees of Kentucky Power and the entire region. We have had a long-lasting relationship with Kentucky Power. Kentucky Power has long had a representative on our board of directors, and numerous Kentucky Power employees have participated in our leadership development program. We understand that Liberty intends to retain all of Kentucky Power's employees as well as hire upwards of 100 new positions to support their operations. These positions would be new hires to Kentucky and help grow the economy of Eastern Kentucky.

It has become apparent that Kentucky does not fit the plans of AEP and Liberty has shown they are eager to serve our region and want to grow by bringing new jobs to the area. Liberty currently operates in 13 US states and understands how to maintain facilities in difficult terrain and extreme weather. We were also pleased to understand that Liberty will continue to commit vital resources to economic development and community support in their service area. They want to become a part of the community and that is a very important factor.

Again, we would like to recommend the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty as expeditiously as possible.

All the best,

Jordan Gibson, MBA, IOM | President and CEO  
Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

**From:** [PSC Public Comment](#)  
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Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**From:** Philip Elswick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 4:32 PM  
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**Subject:** Kentucky Power/Liberty Utilities

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Philip R. Elswick, P.E.  
City of Pikeville  
City Manager  
[REDACTED]



**James A. Carter**  
*Mayor*

**CITY OF PIKEVILLE**

243 Main Street  
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**Philip R. Elswick, P.E.**  
*City Manager*

Fax Number [REDACTED]

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March 18, 2022

Mr. Kent Chandler, Chairman  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 41601

Mr. Chandler:

I am writing in support of the purchase of Kentucky Power Company (KPC) by Liberty Utilities.

Over the years, the City of Pikeville has had an excellent relationship with KPC. The company has been very supportive of the City's economic development efforts, both through extension of service and upgrading facilities as well as its Kentucky Power Economic Growth Grants, which the City has used for updating our comprehensive plan and geotechnical investigations at Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park. Representatives of KPC have worked with the City intimately to further our efforts to attract industrial tenants to our industrial park.

Since the proposed acquisition has been announced, the City has been in communication with multiple representatives of Liberty. Both David Swain, President, Liberty Utilities – Central and the company's Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Sandy Hennequin, have visited both myself and elected officials and remained in constant communication. Both David and Sandi have been very helpful in understanding Liberty's plans following the purchase of KPC. I feel comfortable that the relationship will continue to grow over time and develop into a similar relationship as we have now with KPC officials.

Finally, Liberty has committed to retain all existing employees and increase the number of jobs as well. As part of our conversations, Liberty has expressed an interest in developing a call center in Pikeville with 20 – 25 new jobs. Retaining current employees is an encouraging sign as existing relationships will continue while we build new relationships with Liberty staff. Likewise, the addition of new jobs in our region will have an immediate and positive impact.

In closing, I fully support the proposed purchase by Liberty Utilities. All signs point to a supportive, cooperative corporate citizen in our region.

Sincerely,

Philip R. Elswick, P.E.  
City Manager



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