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July 28, 2005

Ms. Beth A. O'Donnell, Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615  
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Re: Proposed East Kentucky Power Cooperative Wilson-Aberdeen-Morgantown Junction Transmission Project  
Case No. 2005-00207

Dear Ms. O'Donnell,

We are aware that East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., has filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the above referenced project.

The proposed power line corridor in Butler County will have significant impacts on prime farmland as well as on documented historic, cultural and archaeological sites. We are concerned that approval for the line is being sought before the necessary environmental and cultural analyses have been done. Therefore, we wish to request that approval of this project be delayed until all of the required environmental and cultural studies have been completed and mitigation plans have been submitted and accepted.

We are further concerned that only limited sections of existing power lines corridors and rights of way are being used for the Butler County section of the line. We request that existing routes be more adequately and completely studied before approval is given for establishment of additional corridors. Land is a finite resource and each additional intrusion further restricts options for future use, whether for farming or other purposes.

We respectfully request that the Public Service Commission delay approval of this application until the above outlined concerns have been adequately addressed.

Sincerely,

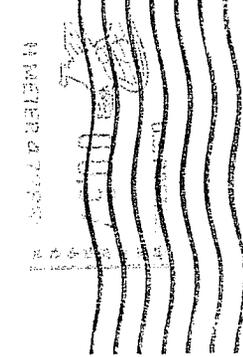


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cc: LaJuana S. Wilcher, Secretary  
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