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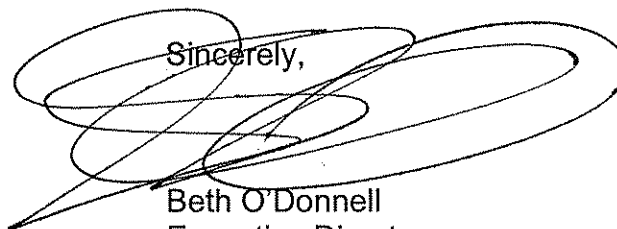
RE: KU Petition for Confidential Protection
Case No. 2005-00496

Dear Ms. Cocanougher:

The Commission has received your petition filed January 17, 2006, to protect as confidential certain information relating to KU's solicitation for coal during review period. A review of the information has determined that it is entitled to the protection requested on the grounds relied upon in the petition and shall be restricted to the same time limits as in Case No. 1992-00493-B. It will be withheld from public inspection.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, you are required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7(9)(a), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director

cc: Parties of Record