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COMMISSION**

Chairman David L. Armstrong
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P O Box 615
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort KY 40602-0615

Dear Chairman Armstrong:

As you are aware, Big Rivers Electric Corporation and E.ON U. S. have been working on an "unwind" of their current contractual agreements whereby Big Rivers will take back control of their electric generating plants. Two large employers in western Kentucky, Alcan Aluminum and Century Aluminum, are also parties to this transaction. Among many other benefits to the transaction is the retaining of approximately 1,400 of the highest paying jobs in western Kentucky.

The Kentucky Legislature, in recognition of the importance of this transaction, passed legislation in the 2006 Legislative Session (House Bill 275) to assist in facilitating the transaction. The legislation had bipartisan support.

As the Kentucky Public Service Commission begins its review of the recent Big Rivers and E.ON "unwind" filing, I ask that your agency give the project appropriate, thorough, and timely consideration. This "unwind" is critically important to the economy of western Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Leeper".

Robert J. (Bob) Leeper
State Senator