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August 20, 2008

Mr. Geoffrey M. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has received a copy of the enclosed letter addressed to Governor Beshear and copied to Chairman David Armstrong.

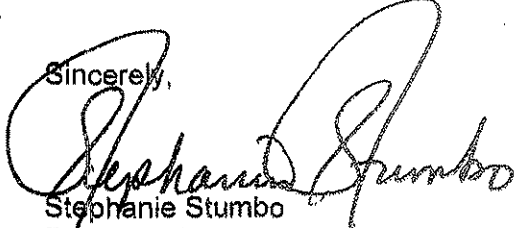
The letter has been filed into the records of Case No. 2008-00128, The Revision of Cogeneration and Small Power Purchase Rates of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.; Case No. 2008-00148, The 2008 Joint Integrated Resource Plan of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company; Case No. 2008-00251, Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of Electric Base Rates; and Case No. 2008-00252, Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of Its Electric and Gas Base Rates.

Please be advised that it is not appropriate to contact the Commission Chairman directly concerning an application or a motion pending before the Commission or a matter that is currently in litigation. Such contact constitutes improper *ex parte* communication with the Commission and is not allowed.

The Commission will review and act upon your pending motions in Case Nos. 2008-00251 and 2008-00252 and your application for rehearing in Case No. 2008-00148 in the due course of business. And the Commission will litigate the appeal of Case No. 2008-00128 before the Franklin Circuit Court according to the Civil Rules and the Court's instruction.

Any further communications regarding cases pending before the Commission should be directed to the Commission Staff attorney assigned to the case.

Sincerely,


Stephanie Stumbo
Executive Director

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August 14, 2008

COPY for
Chairman Armstrong

Governor Steve Beshear
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Dear Governor Beshear:

The Public Service Commission, or at least some members of its legal staff, has apparently instituted an implicit policy of preventing environmentalists from participating in certain cases that involve electric utility companies. I am currently trying to become involved in two cases where the PSC has barred environmentalists from providing pertinent information that could help it make better decisions. I have just applied to participate in two more cases, the rate cases recently initiated by KU and LG&E.

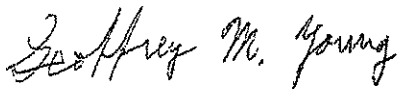
Other legitimate special interests such as large industrial corporations and low-income customers are routinely and promptly granted full intervention. The PSC's recent actions appear to constitute undue discrimination against environmentalists.

PSC staff members have devoted significant amounts of time and effort to trying to keep environmentalists out, even though these cases have implications for energy efficiency and therefore for the environment. This represents a waste of limited resources for all concerned. As a regulatory agency with the word "Public" in its name, the PSC should be happy to receive comments and active involvement from all interested parties, especially if they have valuable information to contribute. The name of your newly-reorganized cabinet is the Energy **and Environment** Cabinet. Why are environmental considerations being excluded from energy regulatory cases?

Please ask the three PSC commissioners to change their staff's de-facto policy and to allow serious groups and individuals with an environmental perspective to participate in pertinent cases on an equal basis with other special interests.

Please let me know what action you decide to take in regard to this matter.

Sincerely,



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