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Stephanie Stumbo, Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

I was quite astonished to read your letter of August 20, 2008. If I had been capable of imagining that my letter of 8/14/08 to Governor Steve Beshear might be interpreted as an attempt to influence the outcome of any specific Commission case, I would either have written it differently or not sent it at all.

My request to the Governor was solely at the level of broad public policy. My hope was that over time, the Commission would come to take a more positive and welcoming view of the information available from Kentucky's community of environmentalists. Unfortunately, it seems you have jumped to an interpretation that is much more negative.

The passing references to existing cases in the first paragraph of my letter were made in the interest of full disclosure, so the Governor would have a more complete context when reading the remainder of the letter. I have far too much respect for Governor Beshear to imagine that he would ever try to influence the outcome of an ongoing case in any way.

Similarly, I sent a copy of my letter to Chairman Armstrong with the aim of being as courteous as possible, in order to avoid a situation where he might be surprised by a communication from the Governor without knowing what might have given rise to it.

I respectfully request that you remove my 8/14/08 letter to Governor Beshear from the record of any and all cases before the Commission. It was directed at the broad policy level and has no relevance to any particular case.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey M. Young