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Hon. Mark R. Overstreet
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Re: American Electric Power Company - Petition for Confidential Treatment received
February 11, 2009 - PSC Reference – Case No. 2008-00518

Dear Mr. Overstreet:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on February 11, 2009 on behalf of American Electric Power Company to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential under Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870 et. seq. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as certain information contained in American Electric Power Company's Response to PSC Data Request No. 24(b), and more particularly described as the number of vendors involved in coal solicitation, their responses and identification, as well as tabulation sheets ranking proposals.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, section 7, the Commission has determined that the information you seek to keep confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to your client's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential meets the criteria for confidential protection and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publically available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, American Electric Power Company is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

Jeff Deyouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record