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Attn: Andrew Melnykovych Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

TIMOTHY C. BATES

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Re: Formal Protest of the Knott Fiscal Court of the Application for General Adjustment of Electric Rates of Kentucky Power Company Case No. 2009-00459

Dear Mr. Melnykovych:

I would like to take this opportunity to file a formal protestion behalf of the people of Knott County. The requested rate hike for Kentucky Power Company cannot and should be granted. In these stressful economic times with so many coal miners out of work in so many counties in eastern Kentucky, including Knott County, such a rate increase would leave many families with having to choose between keeping the lights on and putting food on the table. Folks in Knott County can barely make it as it is. This onerous rate increase could be the tipping point. For these reasons we request that the application for general adjustment of rates of Kentucky Power Company be denied.

Sincerely,

Timothy CaBates of MANNIE Knott Co. Attorney

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cc: Randy Thompson