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Stites & Harbison PLLC
Attention: Mark R. Overstreet
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Re: Kentucky Power Company
Petition for Confidential Protection received February 16, 2012
PSC Reference #: 2011-00401

Dear Mr. Overstreet:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on February 16, 2012 on behalf of Kentucky Power Company ("Ky Power"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being identified portions of Ky Power's Response to Sierra Club's Data Request No. 1-47. The information is more particularly described as a CD labeled "Sierra Club's First Set of Data Requests, Item No. 47" and marked Confidential, containing the following ten files: (a) Cooling Water Rule August 2011; (b) EPA Air Toxic Rule; (c) EPA Ash Proposal; (d) Replacing CAIR EPA Proposes; (e) Staying Power; (f) Announced FGD Retrofits; (g) Announced SCR; (h) Announced U.S. Coal Retirements; (i) North American Power Roundtable; and (j) RFC-PJM Market Fundamentals.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Ky Power's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors, and would violate terms of a licensing agreement prohibiting such disclosure.

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 requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair

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commercial advantage to Ky Power'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 publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Kentucky 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record