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March 11, 2013

David L. Armstrong Chairman

James W. Gardner Vice Chairman

> Linda Breathitt Commissioner

TO: **DIVISION OF FILINGS**

RE: Case No. 2012-00578

> Application of Kentucky Power Company for (1) a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the transfer to the company of an undivided fifty percent interest in the Mitchell Generating Station and associated assets; (2) approval of the assumption by Kentucky Power Company of certain liabilities in connection with the transfer of the Mitchell Generating Station; (3) declaratory rulings; (4) deferral of costs incurred in connection with the company's efforts to meet Federal Clean Air Act and related requirements; and (5) all other required approvals and relief.

Please file the original fully executed Letter of Agreement in the administrative record of the above-referenced case.

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LETTER OF AGREEMENT

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This Letter of Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the Public Service Commission, Commonwealth of Kentucky ("Commission"), Kentucky Power Company ("Company"), and Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC ("Vantage") (collectively, the "Parties").

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that hiring a consultant will be useful and beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the Commission previously requested and received proposals for a focused review of the Kentucky jurisdictional electric utilities' plans for environmental compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Commission previously determined that the proposal submitted by Vantage should be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto (Commission, Company, and Vantage) agree as follows:

1. This Agreement fully incorporates the provisions and requirements of the Commission's Request for Proposal ("RFP") under letter of June 8, 2011.

2. Vantage will perform a focused review of the Company's ongoing efforts to meet the Federal Clean Act and other environmental requirements with respect to Big Sandy Unit 2, as set forth is Case No. 2012-00578, in accordance with the provisions of the RFP, Vantage's June 17, 2011 Proposal ("Proposal"), and the terms of this Agreement.

3. Vantage will prepare a final work plan setting forth the task and hours it will devote to this project. Prior to the submission of a final work plan, Vantage will meet with the Commission Staff to discuss the work plan and any concerns regarding the allocation of hours devoted to its review. Vantage will make any changes in the allocation of hours as

deemed appropriate. Requests for any other deviation from the final work plan must be approved in advance in writing by the Commission or its designated Staff Project Officer.

4. Time is of the essence in the performance and completion of this assignment. Vantage shall begin the assignment on or about February 1, 2013, and will complete the project tasks as directed by the Commission or the Staff Project Officer and in accordance with the procedural schedule as set forth by Order in Case No. 2012-00578. The project itself shall be completed no later than June 30, 2013 unless otherwise directed by the Commission or the Staff Project Officer at the project officer. The beginning and completion dates stated herein are subject to change.

5. The total authorized reimbursable cost of the audit, including all fees, travel expenses, and any and all other reasonable costs will be paid by the Company. The recovery of any such payments by the Company shall be deferred until the Company's next base rate case or environmental surcharge proceeding.

6. Once Vantage has reached the proposed project cost of \$67,840, Vantage shall be required to receive the authorization of the Commission or the Staff Project Officer to expend additional funds.

7. Vantage shall submit itemized monthly invoices to the Commission, for services performed, not later than the 10th of each month. The invoice will be promptly evaluated and reviewed by the Commission and, once approved, forwarded to the Company for payment. The Company shall make payment to Vantage within 20 days of receipt of the statement from the Commission.

8. Testimony, if required, under the terms of this agreement shall be provided in accordance with the RFP at the hourly compensation rtes included in Vantage's proposal.

9. This Agreement is effective as of the date that it is executed by all of the Parties.

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10. The terms of this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with Kentucky

law.

AGREED TO BY:

KENTUCKY PUBLIG SERVICE COMMISSION 211 Sower Blyd.) Post Office/Box/6/15 Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 (SIGNATURE) Director Ue.

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KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY **101A Enterprise Drive** Frankfort, KY 40602

and (SIGNATURE) President FC00 (TITLE)

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