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**From:** PSC - Public Information Officer  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2013 1:09 PM  
**To:** 'Jorge Aros'  
**Subject:** RE: your comments in case number 2012-00578 - Kentucky Power - acquisition of generating capacity

Dear Mr. Aros:

Thank you for your comments regarding the application by Kentucky Power Co. for acquisition of replacement generating capacity. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2012-00578. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

Thank you again for your interest.

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**From:** Jorge Aros [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2013 1:01 AM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer  
**Subject:** Case 2012-00578

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I call upon you to serve the public of Kentucky. I ask that the Public Service Commission reject Kentucky Power Company's (KPCo) proposal to purchase a 50% stake in the Mitchell coal plant in West Virginia. KPCo, a subsidiary of American Electric Power (AEP), says this is the least cost option. But they have failed to seriously consider reasonable alternatives. This is a costly proposal that will place an unnecessary financial burden on ratepayers.

KPCo procrastinated for 20 years, claiming that scrubbers were "too expensive" while their Ohio cousins installed them on the sister plant at Mitchell. Now KPCo seeks to save itself \$440-million in a paperwork shuffle that shifts money from one pocket to the other of parent AEP's pants. IF PSC approves the proposal, it will be complicit in the charade and thereby validate KPCo's procrastination strategy. The windfall for KPCo will fall on the backs of Kentucky rate payers as the money flows out to West Virginia and pays a bonus to its parent company for an already amortized plant. The loss of tax revenue to Kentucky will have a ripple effect on an already struggling Lawrence County. Collateral damage will negatively impact local law enforcement,

education, public health, and public works - a disservice wrought by Public Service Commission approval. Stop it now.

Dependence upon a remote site does NOTHING to assure reliability and continuity of service, it increases the risk.

Aggressive investment in an energy efficiency program, as AEP has done in Ohio, would be the lowest cost option for ratepayers while providing stability to eastern Kentucky's economy. A study in 2009 in Kentucky concluded that a program of energy efficiency and local renewable energy generation could create thousands more jobs than investing in a coal plant, and at a lower cost.

It's time to move Kentucky forward and put us on a path to a clean, renewable energy future. KPCo should be investing in homegrown renewable energy solutions that will diversify their energy portfolio and provide stability for ratepayers. The PSC and KPCo have the opportunity to not only make the most cost-effective investment through renewables and energy efficiency, they have the chance to be a model for responsibility to the communities they serve and show leadership in planning for energy stability for current and future generations of Kentuckians.

Sincerely,

George Aros

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**From:** PSC - Public Information Officer  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2013 1:10 PM  
**To:** 'Patty Wallace'  
**Subject:** RE: your comments in case number 2012-00578 - Kentucky Power - acquisition of generating capacity

Dear Ms. Wallace:

Thank you for your comments regarding the application by Kentucky Power Co. for acquisition of replacement generating capacity. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2012-00578. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

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**From:** Patty Wallace [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2013 10:04 PM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer  
**Subject:** Fw: : Kentucky Power Comment

Patty Wallace  
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May 21, 2013

Kentucky Public Service Commission

Subject: Case 2012-00578 -- Require KPCo to Invest in Affordable Clean Energy and Efficiency

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I am writing to ask the Public Service Commission to reject Kentucky Power Company's (KPCo) proposal to purchase a 50% stake in the Mitchell coal plant in West Virginia. KPCo, a subsidiary of American Electric Power (AEP), says this is the least cost option. But they have failed to seriously consider reasonable alternatives. This is a costly proposal that will place an unnecessary financial burden on ratepayers.

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Sincerely,  
Patty Wallace