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COMMISSION**

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
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Re: 2012-00578

To Whom It May Concern:

Kentucky Power is seeking PSC approval of an agreement to purchase a 50 percent interest in Ohio Power Company's Mitchell power plant, which is south of Moundsville, West Virginia. Kentucky Power and Ohio Power are both subsidiaries of American Electric Power Co. As part of this planned acquisition, Kentucky Power plans to close the Big Sandy electric power plant near Louisa, Kentucky.

I strongly urge you not to approve this proposal. This proposed shut down will dramatically affect not only the 120 employees of the plant and their families, it will also have a devastating effect on the entire region. The Big Sandy plant consumes 2.5 million tons of locally mined Kentucky coal each year. The closure will be a death knell for the Kentucky coal industry. The repercussions from the closure to East Kentucky will last for decades.

Further, Kentucky Power has over 170,000 customers, all located in East Kentucky. It is not in the best interest of Kentucky rate payers to get electricity from an out of state power plant regulated by another state. I believe that it will subject East Kentucky rate payers to exorbitant rate increases and should not be approved by the Kentucky PSC.

I urge you not to allow the closure of the Big Sandy power plant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray S. Jones, II".

Ray S. Jones, II
Kentucky State Senate