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 PSC Public Comment

 To:
 Tyler McHugh

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 RE: Case# 2024-00370

**Date:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025 8:13:00 AM

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Case No. 2024-00370

Thank you for your comments on the application of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 202400370, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at <u>View Case Filings for: 2024-00370 (kv.gov)</u>.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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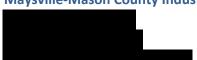
## Good Morning.

Please see attached my letter of support for co-firing Spurlock Station in Maysville, Kentucky with coal and natural gas.

Thank you.



Economic Development Director
Maysville-Mason County Industrial Development Authority



Tyler McHugh
Executive Director
Maysville-Mason County IDA



**April 14, 2025** 

## To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed co-firing initiative at the Maysville Spurlock Power Plant utilizing natural gas delivered via TC Energy's pipeline extension from Morehead to Maysville. This project presents a timely, strategic opportunity to transition our regional energy infrastructure toward a cleaner, more sustainable future while delivering meaningful economic and operational benefits to our community.

Co-firing the Spurlock Power Plant with natural gas provides clear environmental advantages. By integrating natural gas alongside coal, the plant can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter. This transition supports broader national and state-level efforts to reduce our environmental footprint, improve air quality, and protect public health—all while utilizing existing infrastructure more responsibly.

From an **ec**onomic standpoint, this project holds the potential to stimulate regional growth and resilience. The development of the pipeline itself represents a considerable investment that will generate jobs during both the construction and operational phases. Furthermore, the enhanced reliability and efficiency of a co-fired plant will help stabilize energy costs for consumers and businesses, making the region more attractive to prospective employers and investors.

Equally important is the increased longevity of the Spurlock Power Plant. Co-firing ensures that this critical piece of Kentucky's energy grid remains viable for decades to come. Rather than shuttering aging coal units, this solution allows for a gradual and pragmatic evolution of the plant's role—one that aligns with shifting energy demands, regulatory requirements, and environmental priorities.

This is a forward-thinking approach that strengthens our energy infrastructure, supports good-paying jobs, and demonstrates that Kentucky can lead in clean, reliable, and affordable power generation.

I urge all stakeholders and regulatory authorities to give this proposal the careful consideration and strong support it deserves.

Sincerely,

Tyler McHugh

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