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From: Wendy Price
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 12:21 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comment Case #2024-00370

Dear Public Service Commission,

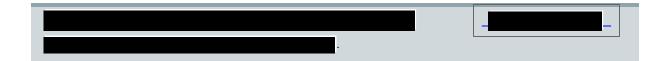
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From: Madison Johnson
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 11:57 AM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Public Comment Case #2024-00370



Dear Public Service Commission,

As a cooperative rather than a corporation, you all have the opportunity to not follow the same suit that big industry is forcing Kentuckians into. Imagine a future where people are flocking to Eastern KY regions because there is more equitable access to utilities and member-led initiatives. That is true American freedom: having a voice at every place you have an investment! Please do not spend our taxpayer funds on more gas plants! We instead ask for those dollars be redirected toward renewable energy sources such as solar power installation and windmill farms! Let's stop being close to last in almost in every comparison to other states, when Kentucky is ripe with opportunities to redirect the narrative!

Madison Johnson

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From: Tom Galbreath
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 12:34 PM
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>
Subject: Case #2024-00370 EKPC Spurlock Gas Conversion



Good Day:

I am submitting the attached letter concerning the EKPC Spurlock Natural Gas Conversion Project.

A large number, including myself, of Fleming County residents do not oppose the project, but oppose the running of the pipeline through Flemming County. The attached letter will explain our position and I will also include a resolution of the Fleming Co. Fiscal Cout opposing the pipeline.

To that end, the residents of Fleming County do not want the pipeline and would ask EKPC to consider a alternate route available from Foster, Ky on a line owned by TC Energy, who is contracted by EKPC to furnish the gas pipeline.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. Tom Galbreath George Watson

Flemingsburg, Ky 41041

RESOLUTION OF THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT OPPOSING THE PROPOSED GAS PIPELINE THROUGH FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, the Fleming County Fiscal Court is committed to protecting the health, safety, welfare, and property rights of the residents of Fleming County, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a proposed natural gas pipeline is under consideration to pass through portions of Fleming County, raising significant concerns among local residents, landowners, and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline route poses potential risks to the county's natural resources, including farmlands, forests, waterways, and wildlife habitats that are vital to the county's agricultural economy, environment, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the construction and operation of such a pipeline may result in environmental degradation, property devaluation, and disruption to local communities and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, pipeline incidents across the country have demonstrated the potential for explosions, leaks, and other hazards that threaten public safety and emergency response capabilities in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Fleming County have expressed strong opposition to the pipeline project and have requested that their elected officials take action to prevent its construction through their community; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court believes in the rights of local communities to have a meaningful voice in decisions that impact their land, water, air, and overall well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLEMING COUNTY FISCAL COURT that:

The Fiscal Court hereby formally opposes the construction and routing of the proposed gas pipeline through Fleming County, Kentucky.

The Court urges all relevant federal and state agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), and other regulatory bodies, to reject any application or permit associated with this project as it affects Fleming County.

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The proposed pipeline, covering approximately 50 miles, will have potential impacts like land disturbance, water contamination, harm to wildlife habitats, increased greenhouse gas emissions, and risks to nearby communities. The proposed pipeline would directly affect the local environment and residents, including potential property value decline and disruption to existing infrastructure.

Parts of this proposed pipeline have a great concern regarding potential safety hazards, as this community has had two gas line explosions. The proposed route also will be near churches, homes, businesses and several major highways.

The potential to damage sensitive ecosystems, pollute waterways, and cross a major protected watershed in Fleming County exists. It would also remove valuable farm land from production and not replace the years of tiling and land refurbishing that has taken place.

The construction and operation of this pipeline will not provide substantial economic benefits to our community, while the potential costs of environmental damage are significant. Our suggestion is to look at a alternate route near the Spurlock Station were a existing pipeline, owned by TCO, is within 20 to 25 miles of the final destination.

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From: Lyons, Jennifer Sent: Friday, April 18, 2025 9:53 AM To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov> Cc: 'Jena McNeill' Subject: Letter



Attached is a letter from Rep. Ken Upchurch.

Thank you.

Jennifer Lyons

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702 Capitol Avenue Capitol Annex Room 303 Frankfort, KY 40601 502-564-8100

April 18, 2025

The Honorable Angie Hatton, Chair Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

RE: Case # 2024-00370

Dear Ms. Hatton:

I am writing to support East Kentucky Power Cooperative's application to invest more than \$1.3 billion at Cooper Station in Somerset. EKPC is protecting a proven reliable power plant and planning to increase capacity to serve additional homes, businesses, and industries in the future.

EKPC is proposing to add a new 745-megawatt generator at Cooper Station and to convert the plant's largest existing unit to provide greater fuel flexibility. This will provide an important source of electricity for our region and promote economic development for surrounding communities. In addition, these projects will bring jobs to the local community to construct and operate the plant, and will add to the local tax base.

Thank you for your time and consideration into this matter. Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Ken Upchurch State Representative

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Wendy Price
PSC Public Comment
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Friday, April 18, 2025 12:20:41 PM



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