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Case No. 2026-00159

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Power Company. 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, 2026-00159 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2026-00159 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

From: Stephanie Dunaway  
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2026 10:27 AM  
To: PSC Public Comment <PSC.Comment@ky.gov>  
Subject: Formal Public Comment and Evidence Submission: Case No. 2026-00159 and Case No. 2026-00001

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission Commissioners and Staff,

Please accept this formal public comment and the attached documentary evidence to be officially entered into the administrative records for both **Case No. 2026-00159** (Kentucky Power Management & Operations Audit) and **Case No. 2026-00001** (Fuel Adjustment Clause / Mitchell Plant Operations).

The attached public records—originally obtained via the Kentucky Open Records Act (KORA) and widely distributed to the community by the local civic platform *"We The People, Ashland Political"*—expose critical, unexamined industrial resource loads and deeply troubling utility planning practices. These documents prove that Kentucky Power (AEP) executives and local officials actively worked behind closed doors to obscure a massive 1.5 Gigawatt (GW) data center load from formal regulatory and public scrutiny under the code names "Project Panda" and "Muskie Data Campus" (TeraWulf).

As a ratepayer in Eastern Kentucky, where residential utility costs are already punishingly high, I ask the Commission and its third-party auditors to rigorously investigate the following evidence:

#### 1. Covert Coordination of a Massive 1.5 GW Grid Burden (Case No. 2026-00159 Relevance)

- **The Evidence:** An email dated April 23, 2026, from corporate developer Jake Bronstein of Industrial Economic Power (IEP) explicitly outlines a coordinated multi-county effort to maximize site planning and secure a total utility capacity of 1.5 Gigawatts (1,500 Megawatts) at the Eastpark industrial site.
- **Regulatory Concern:** A hidden load commitment of this unprecedented scale directly impacts Kentucky Power's long-term generation capacity, transmission planning, and systemic grid stability. It is highly alarming that a load capable of overwhelming the residential footprint of the entire region was negotiated outside of transparent Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) channels.

#### 2. Kentucky Power's Direct Role in Fabricating Public Narrative (Case No. 2026-00159 Relevance)

- **The Evidence:** A leaked email log from May 26, 2026, reveals that Amanda Clark, External Affairs and Economic Development Manager for Kentucky Power/AEP ([acclark1@aep.com](mailto:acclark1@aep.com)), was intimately involved in co-authoring and vetting local government press statements. When local officials requested advice on how to frame the massive power draw, Ms. Clark explicitly instructed them to "copy and paste from TeraWulf's release."
- **Regulatory Concern:** Rather than providing independent, transparent, and objective data regarding regional grid capacity constraints to the public and regulators, a utility representative actively collaborated with politicians to "stay ahead of the public" and control political fallout. This directly validates the Commission's July 2, 2026, Order highlighting Kentucky Power's "troubling" and non-transparent planning history.

#### 3. Immediate Impacts on Local Infrastructure and the Mitchell Plant (Case No. 2026-00001 Relevance)

- **The Evidence:** An internal utility memorandum dated October 30, 2025, from Ashland Utilities Director Mark Hall explicitly acknowledges that "Project Panda" is expected to be a massive water user that will completely exhaust local infrastructure capacity within two to four years, requiring significant, expensive upgrades. Furthermore, separate internal updates track high-level meetings in Frankfort involving state officials, Kentucky Power, and regional authorities mapping out hidden site-selector costs.
- **Regulatory Concern:** Kentucky Power's ongoing, contentious arguments to keep the carbon-heavy Mitchell Plant fully operational cannot be evaluated in a vacuum. It is now clear that Kentucky Power executives have a dual agenda: they are quietly trying to reserve massive amounts of base-load generation to feed private, multi-billion-dollar data center operations while leaving captive residential ratepayers to shoulder the environmental, operational, and financial liabilities.

#### 4. Lack of Structural Accountability

- **The Evidence:** In the May 26, 2026, email chain, Greenup County Judge-Executive Bobby Hall openly abdicates his executive oversight duties by writing, "Hunter - use my stamp signature once you, Eric and Amanda [Kentucky Power] are ready."
- **Regulatory Concern:** When local governments blindly hand over stamp signatures to utility representatives and corporate developers to fast-track massive industrial projects, the statutory protections meant to safeguard public resources completely collapse.

#### Conclusion and Request for Commission Action

Eastern Kentucky citizens refuse to be left in the dark while a regulated utility maneuvers behind closed doors to subsidize corporate tech operations. We request that the independent firm selected to conduct the management and operations audit into Kentucky Power fully subpoena all internal communications regarding "Project Panda," "Project Gateway," and the "Muskie Data Campus."

The PSC must independently verify if Kentucky Power has quietly filed, or plans to file, special economic development tariffs, transmission subsidies, or rate exemptions that will shift the immense grid-reinforcement burdens of this 1.5 GW project onto everyday families.

Thank you for your continued dedication to ratepayer protection and utility transparency.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Dunaway

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We received a RFI request from the Cabinet for Economic Development for River's Bend Parcel #2 in Siloam. After submitting the RFI, we conducted a follow-up virtual site visit for Project Gateway. The independent site selector has requested further information from Kentucky Power related to costs associated with serving the site. Once we submit this to them, we will wait to see if our submission moves on to the in-person site visit round.

A meeting took place this month in Frankfort regarding Project Panda. The meeting included representatives from the company, Secretary Noel, Rocky Adkins, Amanda Clark, Judge Hall, and Hunter. This meeting was an opportunity for the company to update the Cabinet for Economic Development on the full scope of the project, along with a timeline of milestones that will need to be met in the upcoming months. Things are progressing in the right direction with the project and Hunter believes the next few months will be key in the overall outcome.

#### UPDATES FROM JUDGE EXECUTIVES:

Both Judge Executives had conflicts and were not in attendance.

Special thank you to Amanda Clark for allowing our board to host the meeting at the Kentucky Power Headquarters on Winchester Ave.

Judge Hall,

Thank you for your unwavering support for the project.

Have a great weekend. |

All the best,  
Jake

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From: Bobby Hall <bhall@greenupcountyky.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2026 7:39 PM  
To: Jake Bronstein <jbronstein@industrial-ep.com>  
Cc: Hunter Boyd <hunter@northeastkyeda.com>  
Subject: Re: Proposal for Removal and Conversion of North Commerce Drive – Project Panda/Eastpark

Hunter

I am out of town today through Monday. Please draft a letter for me that supports the request Jake is asking for. I also ask that you get the other 4 judge executives to do the same. Please sign my name or have Bobbi Jo stamp my signature.

Jake, thank you for all that you are doing.

Have a great weekend

Bobby

On Apr 23, 2026, at 6:41 PM, Jake Bronstein <jbronstein@industrial-ep.com> wrote:

Dear Judge Hall,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to formally request your consideration regarding the removal and conversion of North Commerce Drive. This request is a critical component of our efforts to maximize the [Project/Campus Name] site plan and achieve a total utility capacity of 1.5 GW.

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Currently, the irregular shape of the existing parcels presents significant logistical challenges. The removal of North Commerce Drive would allow us to consolidate these areas, creating a more efficient and cohesive layout. This optimization is essential for the campus to reach its full economic potential and to accommodate the infrastructure necessary for a 1.5 GW capacity.

Your support on this matter is critical to the project's long-term economic success and its impact on the region. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you and provide any additional details your office may require.

Thank you for your time and continued leadership.

All the best,  
Jake

<Executed Request for Removal of Commerce Dr Greenup.pdf>

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