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PSC Denies Kentucky Power's Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement

Agreement with Bright Mountain Solar Could be Costly for Ratepayers

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 31, 2025) – The Kentucky Public Service Commission has denied Kentucky Power Company's application to approve the terms and conditions of the Renewable Energy Purchase Agreement for Solar Energy Resources (REPA) between Kentucky Power and Bright Mountain Solar, LLC. The case number is 2024-00243.

The PSC found that based on the evidence in the record Kentucky Power failed to prove that the proposed REPA with Bright Mountain is reasonably necessary and will not result in wasteful duplication. The PSC found that Kentucky Power had not chosen the least cost reasonable alternative, and the REPA must therefore be denied. The Commission noted, however, that the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by Kentucky Power includes a number of other opportunities for the utility to contract for generation resources. Therefore, the Commission's denial of the REPA with Bright Mountain does not preclude Kentucky Power from reaching an agreement with another entity who responded to the same RFP.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. were granted intervention in this case.

Kentucky Power, headquartered in Ashland, Ky., provides service to approximately 162,000 customers in all or part of 20 eastern Kentucky counties. Kentucky Power's distribution operations work from service centers in Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville and from area offices in Paintsville and Whitesburg.



Today's order, a video of the hearing, and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2024-00243.

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