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SITING BOARD SETS LOCAL HEARING ON PLANT IN TRIMBLE COUNTY

Proceeding covers portion of proposed expansion at LG&E facility

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 24, 2005) – The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting has set a local public hearing on a proposed generating plant near Bedford in Trimble County.

The hearing will be held Wednesday, July 6, at 6 p.m. EDT at the Trimble County Cooperative Extension Office. The office is at 43 High Country Lane, just off U.S. Highway 42 about a mile southwest of the center of Bedford..

The Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) and the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) have applied for a certificate for their joint 25 percent ownership of a 750-megawatt coal-fired facility that the Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (LG&E) and the Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU) are proposing to build at LG&E's existing Trimble County Station. Because IMEA and IMPA would be selling their portion of the plant's output on the wholesale market to their member utilities, they are classified as independent power producers and required to apply for a certificate from the Siting Board.

The application and related documents are available on the Siting Board Web site:

http://psc.ky.gov/agencies/psc/siting_board/merchant.htm

LG&E's and KU's portion of the project is under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC). The two utility companies, which are both subsidiaries of LG&E Energy LLC, have applied to the PSC for approval of the new unit. The Trimble County Station currently includes a 514-megawatt coal-fired unit and six gas turbine generators with a total capacity of more than 900 megawatts.

The case number for the IMEA/IMPA application is 2005-00152. The PSC case covering LG&E and KU is number 2004-00507. Case documents are available on the PSC Web site, psc.ky.gov.

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Anyone wishing to comment on the IMEA/IMPA proposal may do so at the hearing. Depending on the number of people wishing to speak, the length of oral comments may be limited in order to allow everyone to be heard.

Written comments also will be accepted at the hearing or may be mailed to the Siting Board at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Ky. 40602, faxed to (502) 564-9625 or sent by e-mail from the PSC Web site.

A date for the formal evidentiary hearing in the case will be announced later. It will be held at the PSC offices, 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort. Participation in the hearing is limited to the parties to the case.

The Siting Board is an agency within the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It is charged with reviewing applications for merchant power plants, also known as independent power producers, which sell electricity on the wholesale, unregulated market.

The Siting Board consists of the members of the PSC, the secretary of the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet or her designee, the secretary of Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet or his designee, and two local members appointed by the Governor for each case. The chairman of the PSC serves as chairman of the Siting Board.

The PSC's 110 employees provide staff and administrative support to the Siting Board.

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