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SITING BOARD RECEIVES THIRD APPLICATION

Thoroughbred Generating Co. Files for Muhlenberg County Project
Deadline for requesting hearing is September 4, 2003

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FRANKFORT – The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting has received its third application requesting a construction certificate for a generating plant that would sell electricity on the open, wholesale market. The application was deemed complete on Monday, August 4.

Thoroughbred Generating Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Peabody Energy, has applied to build a 1,500-megawatt plant on a site east of Central City in Muhlenberg County. The coal-fired plant would be located on a 4,100-acre site previously used for coal mining. The application and related documents are available on the Siting Board Web site:

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

Under the law passed earlier last year by the Kentucky General Assembly, the Siting Board has 120 days after an application is deemed complete to decide whether to approve that application. The law and associated regulations set certain requirements and deadlines for public participation in the review process. Those are:

- Persons or entities with an interest in the case can apply to the Siting Board to become parties to the case (intervenor). Intervenors are full participants in the case, with the right to request information from the applicant or other parties to the case and to cross-examine witnesses in the evidentiary hearing. Intervenors are not required to reside in the county in which the facility is proposed. Requests for intervenor status must be made in writing to the Siting Board at the above address within 30 days of the filing of a complete application. **The deadline in the Thoroughbred Generating case is September 3, 2003.**



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- A formal evidentiary hearing may be held at the request of parties to the case or on motion of the Siting Board. Participation in the hearing is limited to the applicants and to parties to the case. Testimony is taken under oath. Requests for a formal hearing must be made in writing to the Siting Board at the above address within 30 days of the filing of a complete application. **The deadline in the Thoroughbred Generating case is September 3, 2003.**
- A local public hearing will be held if requested by a local government entity and may be held if requested by at least three residents of the county in which the facility is proposed. The local public hearing would provide an opportunity for the general public to be heard by the Siting Board in an informal setting. Requests for an informal hearing must be made in writing to the Siting Board at the above address within 30 days of the filing of a complete application. **The deadline in the Thoroughbred Generating case is September 3, 2003.**

More information on the public participation process is available on the Siting Board web site. Any hearings in the case will be announced as they are scheduled.

The Siting Board last year granted a construction certificate to Kentucky Mountain Power LLC for a 520-MW coal-burning facility in Knott County. Earlier this year, the Siting Board denied a permit to Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC, which has proposed to build a 540-MW synthetic gas-fueled generating facility in Clark County. The permit was denied pending Pioneer's compliance with local planning and zoning regulations.

Two other companies have filed notices of intent to submit applications. They are:

- Estill County Energy Partners (Calla Energy) – Estill County
- Westlake Energy Corp. – Calvert City, Marshall County

The case number for Thoroughbred Generating is 2002-00150.

