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SITING BOARD SETS REVISED SCHEDULE IN THOROUGHBRED GENERATING CASE

Hearing rescheduled for November 10
Decision now due by February 10

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FRANKFORT – The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting has established a revised schedule for its consideration of a proposal by Thoroughbred Generating Company, LLC, to construct an electric powerplant in Muhlenberg County.

The 1,500-megawatt coal-fired plant would be located east of Central City on a 4,100-acre site previously used for coal mining. Thoroughbred, a subsidiary of Peabody Energy, would sell electricity on the open, wholesale market.

A formal public hearing in the case will be held Monday, November 10, at 10 a.m. at the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort. A decision in the case, originally due by December 2, 2003, now will be made on or before February 10, 2004.

Two factors led to the schedule revision:

- Thoroughbred's application, which had been deemed complete as of August 4, 2003, was amended on October 13. The amendment has the effect of restarting the 120-day period – set by Kentucky law - within which the Siting Board must decide whether to grant a construction certificate for a proposed project.
- Thoroughbred did not provide required public notice five days in advance of the hearing in the case, which had been scheduled for October 21. When the oversight was brought to the Siting Board's attention, it stopped the hearing and asked all parties to the case to submit a proposal for a revised schedule.

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The revised schedule submitted by the parties was accepted by the Siting Board in its order issued October 30. Other parties to the case, all of them intervenors, include Big Rivers Electric Corporation, three subsidiaries of LG&E Energy, and Gary Watrous, a private citizen.

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

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

The November 10 hearing will include an opportunity for interested members of the public to address the board. The Siting Board also will accept written comments on the case. More information on the public participation process is available on the Siting Board web site.

The case number for Thoroughbred Generating is 2002-00150.

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