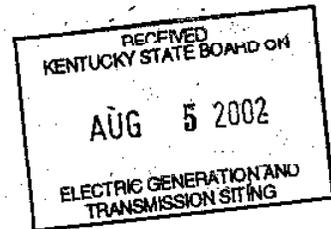


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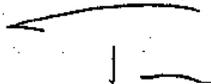
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Dear Stephanie:

Enclosed for filing is the original and ten (10) copies of the signed Direct Testimony of Pauline Stacy. in the Kentucky Mountain Power, LLC case.

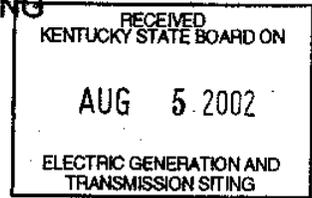
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Cordially,



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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY )  
MOUNTAIN POWER, LLC / )  
ENVIROPOWER, LLC FOR A )  
MERCHANT POWER PLANT )  
CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE IN )  
KNOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY )  
NEAR TALCUM )

CASE NO.  
2002-00149

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF INTERVENOR PAULINE STACY**

1 **Please state your name and address.**

2 My name is Pauline Stacy. My mailing address is Post Office Box 386 in  
3 Bulan, Kentucky 41722, and I live along Kentucky Route 1087 in Ary,  
4 Kentucky.

5 **Please summarize your concerns about the proposed plant siting.**

6 I am concerned with several aspects of the siting of the proposed  
7 Kentucky Mountain Power LLC power plant. The first relates to the  
8 potential use of two coal haul roads that exit onto Kentucky Route 1087;  
9 one that is currently used by the mining company to haul coal from the  
10 mining complex adjacent to the proposed power plant site, and the other,  
11 a haul road that exits onto Lick Branch Road and then onto Kentucky 1087  
12 near Ary. The second concern relates to the safety of myself and my  
13 neighbors relating to the siting of a water impoundment for water supply.

1 for the proposed power plant. The third concern relates to the  
2 construction of over twenty-five (25) miles of transmission lines in order to  
3 serve the proposed merchant power plant, and the lack of assessment in  
4 the siting application of the impacts of the routing of that line.

5 **As to your first concern, what specific problems would the use of**  
6 **Kentucky Route 1087 pose?**

7 Route 1087 is a small narrow residential road, and the residents that live  
8 along it like me already carry the burden of coal truck traffic. Dust, mud,  
9 diesel fumes, safety risks from truck traffic, have all caused annoyance  
10 and discomfort to myself, my husband, who suffers from lung problems,  
11 and my neighbors. The addition of more heavy truck traffic for fuel  
12 delivery, as well as construction equipment, facility components and other  
13 heavy machinery, and additional truck traffic associated with the proposed  
14 industrial park, is not compatible with the residential nature of the  
15 community and will further impact our homes, their property value, and  
16 our quality of life.

17 **Does the applicant propose to use Kentucky 1087 and either of the**  
18 **two coal haul roads you mentioned for access, equipment**  
19 **haulage, or fuel delivery to the proposed power plant?**

20 The application indicated that during the construction phase, "existing"  
21 coal haul roads would be utilized. The preparer of the application may not  
22 have been aware that there are three haul roads; one of which exits at  
23 Talcum, and crosses KY 1087 to Route 80, which is the route that would

1 avoid impacts on Ary residents, and the other two haul roads that would  
2 use KY 1087 and significantly affect my home and my neighbors. In  
3 answer to my First Set of Data Requests, Kentucky Mountain Power LLC  
4 indicated that it will use the route that exits at Talcum to Rte 80 until a new  
5 bridge and road is constructed there.

6 **Do the responses given by Kentucky Mountain Power LLC address**  
7 **your concerns?**

8 Not entirely.

9 **What assurances should be provided or actions should be taken to**  
10 **mitigate the impacts of the traffic on the residents along KY 1087?**

11 The applicant has proposed to do several things – first, to request that  
12 Starfire Mining refuse admission to all non-mining plant  
13 construction/operation related vehicle traffic over its haul/access roads,  
14 except in emergency situations. The company also proposes that it will  
15 "instruct" all such power plant related construction to use the route that  
16 exit directly to Rte 80 crossing KY 1087. The company proposes that all  
17 fuel will be delivered through that same access road, or directly across the  
18 minesite if the fuel is from the Starfire complex.

19 The applicant should agree to, or the Board should impose by order, a  
20 binding condition in the event of site approval that would obligate the  
21 applicant and any successor to: (a) include in any contract for delivery of  
22 materials, fuel, construction or operational equipment, a contract provision  
23 requiring use of the access road; (b) require that all personnel associated

1 with site construction or development or plant construction and operation,  
2 to utilize the Route 80 access road at Talcum; (c) Impose reporting  
3 requirements to notify the Board whenever an "emergency" necessitates  
4 use of any other route for site access or egress; and (d) include in any  
5 lease, sale or donation of land for the industrial park, a condition requiring  
6 any occupants of the park to similarly restrict access and egress to the  
7 route exiting the site at Talcum to Rte 80.

8 **Would those conditions, as an enforceable condition of the site**  
9 **approval, address your concerns regarding truck traffic?**

10 Yes.

11 **Regarding the location of the plant water supply, what is your**  
12 **concern?**

13 There has been discussion of converting an impoundment used by Starfire  
14 that drains into Lick Branch and which flows under KY 1087, to use as a  
15 water supply impoundment for the power plant. As a resident  
16 and homeowner of the community below the mine complex, I am  
17 concerned with the possibility of any embankment impoundment that  
18 would present a threat to life or property in the event of failure of the  
19 impoundment.

20 **After reviewing the Kentucky Mountain Power response to your data**  
21 **request, do you still have any concerns?**

22 My concern remains this – the company's dam breach analysis indicates  
23 that in the event of dam failure, KY 1087 will be inundated with floodwater

1 from the structure. I believe that the company should be required to lower  
2 the storage capacity of the impoundment to assure that no road or  
3 property not under their ownership is at risk from impoundment failure.

4 The company could use an incised pond that is excavated into solid  
5 material, rather than an embankment structure, and greatly reduce any  
6 risk of catastrophic failure and of off-site impacts, and should be required  
7 to do so.

8 **Please explain your third area of concern.**

9 As I understand the application, the company is proposing to build some  
10 25.5 miles of new transmission lines to service this project and to connect  
11 with the existing transmission system. Yet the application had no site  
12 assessment information on those 25 miles of new construction. I am  
13 concerned for residents along those lines that their property, visual and  
14 other values might be harmed but those concerns don't seem to have  
15 been considered in the application. Those lines, whether they might be  
16 given to someone else in the future or not, and being built by the company  
17 for the company's power plant, and should have been part of this  
18 application.

19 **In response to your data request the applicant indicated that the**  
20 **transmission routing of new exit circuits is crossing lands that have**  
21 **been previously mined and are owned by large mineral or land**  
22 **holding companies, and that option agreements have been executed**  
23 **with all property owners for the rights-of-way. Does this satisfy your**

1 **concerns?**

2 Technically, the company should have included the transmission line site  
3 assessment with the application, and the application should have been  
4 deemed incomplete without it. Some future promise to transfer ownership  
5 of the line doesn't make it currently exempt from review. However, for the  
6 purposes of this case alone, if the company would agree to a condition  
7 that it publish notice in those counties where the line is proposed,  
8 provide a period for public review and comment of the proposed  
9 corridors, and propose mitigation measures concerning the screening,  
10 configuration and location within the proposed rights-of-way as are  
11 possible to address the concerns of residents whose property adjoins the  
12 corridors, the purpose of the site assessment would be satisfied without  
13 having to remand the case for incompleteness.

14 **Do you have other concerns regarding the plant proposal?**

15 Yes, but they relate to emissions and disposal of wastes, and will be  
16 addressed to the appropriate agencies reviewing the cumulative  
17 environmental assessment.

18 **Does this complete your testimony?**

19 Yes.

**AFFIDAVIT**

Pauline Stacy  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in the Commonwealth of  
Kentucky, by Pauline Stacy, this 3 day of August, 2002.

Lloyd Engle  
Notary Public

My commission expires 3-22-06

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Direct Testimony of Intervenor Pauline Stacy was served this 5th day of August, 2002 by first-class mail to:

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