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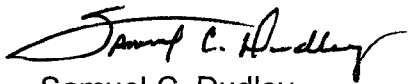
Gerard B. Mack
Project Manager
Estill County Energy Partners, LLC
6000 Sulphur Well Road
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Dear Gerry:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky operates a medium pressure natural gas supply line along State Highway 89 near Irvine, KY. This line is tapped at Coal Wash Road to serve the Estill County Industrial Development Authority site adjacent to your proposed generating facility site.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky understands that Estill County Energy Partners, LLC will require some natural gas during each cold or warm startup to heat the waste coal fired boiler to certain minimum temperatures. We believe that your natural gas requirements can be provided from our supply line along State Highway 89 and are currently working on an engineering study to determine what facilities would be required for such a connection, and performing a financial analysis determining what the cost would be.

Sincerely,


Samuel C. Dudley

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