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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Thomas M. Dorman
Executive Director
Kentucky State Board on Electric
Generation and Transmission Siting
211 Sower Boulevard
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**RE: *The Application of Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC For a Construction
Certificate to Construct a Merchant Electric Generating Facility*
Case No. 2002-00312**

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Enclosed please find and accept for filing the original and ten copies each of Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC's Response to Board Staff's First Data Request Dated January 13, 2003, and Petition for Confidential Treatment of Information in the above-referenced case. An electronic copy of the filing will be forwarded to you. KPE responses to Board Staff's First Data Request Nos. 1 and 11 are not available for electronic filing due to the confidential nature of the information contained therein. Please confirm your receipt of these filings by placing the stamp of your Office with the date received on the enclosed additional copies and return them to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Joseph A. Bickett

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of Record
Dwight N. Lockwood, P.E., QEP

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