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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Thomas M. Dorman
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Kentucky State Board on Electric
Generation and Transmission Siting
211 Sower Boulevard
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Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

RE: <u>The Application of Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC For a Construction</u>

<u>Certificate to Construct a Merchant Electric Generating Facility</u>

Case No. 2002-00312

Dear Mr. Dorman:

On November 26, 2002, Kentucky Pioneer Energy ("KPE") filed an application with the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (the "Board") for a certificate to construct a 540 megawatt generation facility in Clark County, Kentucky. On December 4, 2002, the Board staff issued a letter (the "Letter") identifying four deficiencies in certain filing requirements with regard to KPE's application. In response to the deficiency identified in paragraph 1 of the Letter and in accordance with the requirements described in KRS 278.706(2)(b), enclosed please find and accept for filing the original and ten copies of a map that shows residential structures, churches and schools, as well as the 2-mile radius buffer stipulated by the Board. Please note that the 1" = 12000 feet scale map is considered sensitive material due to the depiction of an existing and operating utility, at which Kentucky Pioneer Energy will be co-located.

In response to the deficiency identified in paragraph 3 of the Letter and in accordance with the requirements described in KRS 278.706(2)(1), please accept this letter as KPE's formal request for the Board to accept the Environmental Impact Statement, identified in the application as "Tab 13," as documentation of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act in lieu of a site assessment report.

In response to the deficiency identified in paragraph 4 of the Letter, please accept this letter as counsel's signature of and for KPE's application with the Kentucky State Board on

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Electric Generation and Transmission Siting for a certificate to construct a 540 megawatt generation facility in Clark County, Kentucky. Please also note that on December 4, 2002, an Entry of Appearance was filed by counsel with the Board on behalf of Kentucky Pioneer Energy.

KPE is currently addressing the other deficiency identified in paragraph 2 in the Letter and will be forwarding that information as soon as it becomes available.

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

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