



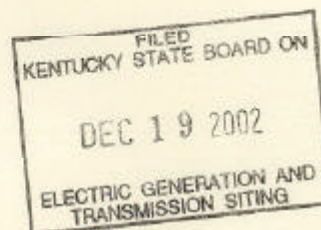
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Thomas M. Dorman
Executive Director
Kentucky State Board on Electric
Generation and Transmission Siting
211 Sower Boulevard
Post Office Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

**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 of my attested signature on the cover letter dated November 26, 2002 in which the Merchant Power Plant Application was filed by Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC. An electronic copy of the filing will be forwarded to you. Please confirm your receipt of this filing by placing the stamp of your Office with the date received on the enclosed additional copy and return it 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

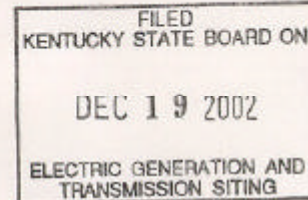


Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC

November 26, 2002

Mr. Thomas M. Dorman, Executive Director
Kentucky State Board of Electric
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211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40612

Re: Case No. 2002-00312
Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC
Merchant Power Plant Application



Dear Mr. Dorman:

In accordance with statutory authority SB 257 and 807 KAR 5:110E, Kentucky Pioneer Energy, LLC is making application for a certificate to construct a 540 megawatt baseload combined cycle electric power generation facility in Trapp, Clark County and at the East Kentucky Power Cooperative owned JK Smith site. Enclosed herewith are ten (10) copies of the application.

This application utilizes the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) alternative provided for in SB 257, Section 4(2)(l). The NEPA-EIS is included as the Appendix, and is at Tab 13. US Department of Energy has provided a CD-ROM version of this large bound document in PDF format. Though the information on this CD-ROM has been placed in the case file, a copy of the CD-ROM disk is also included herein, for PSC use.

A check for the application fee, in the amount of \$200,000.00, payable to Kentucky State Treasurer, is enclosed herein.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 513-621-0077.

Sincerely,

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