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To the Members of the Public Service Commission:

The rate payers of Kentucky should not be responsible for the harm and costs associated with the pollution caused by both the old inefficient power plants that EOn, KU, and other energy companies refuse to shutdown, and for the newer coal power plants in which the state refuses to impose standards for efficient pollution mitigation and sustainable energy production. Kentucky ratepayers should not be responsible to absorb the brunt of Kentucky's archaic energy policies consisting of a systematic refusal to incorporate more sufficient standards for renewable energy production and refusal to hold current energy producers accountable for their inefficient energy production.

These archaic policies are evident in the coal-burning power plants currently being constructed in Kentucky. For example, TC2 in Trimble County will emit 8.5 million tons of CO₂ per year. This is in addition to Mercury, PM 2.5, and other hazardous air and water pollutants. The estimated cost of TC2 is \$1.1 billion. Notwithstanding these costs, both financial and environmental, the PSC granted the TC2 CPCN request. The fallacy of TC2 facility and any other energy producing facility in Kentucky is compounded by the fact that Kentucky's energy needs are fully met and will be in the foreseeable future. Recognizing this, the AG recommended that the CPCN request be denied because the ratepayers would pay a substantial extra cost if the base load capacity is added before it is needed.¹ With the ratepayer already having to pay for the public health and environmental costs already associated with such pollution, the ratepayers should not also be expected to absorb the costs of the construction and maintenance of an unneeded facility. As the public has become more educated on the environmental issues that affect our state, nation, and world today, the more energy efficient they are becoming, and any forecasts of energy consumption must be adjusted to the public's current trend towards energy efficiency. And we all know that Kentucky has a history of having some of the most energy *inefficient* energy consumers in the nation. This means that Kentucky rate payers can achieve energy efficiency more readily to put Kentucky ratepayers in line with the rest of the country. As indicated by the AG, Kentucky's current power plants already meet the energy consumption needs of the rate payers of this state. This combined with more energy efficient ratepayers should make any rate increase unwarranted at this time.

With Kentucky's reliance on energy production from coal, Kentucky's continual use of coal-fired power plants beyond their natural life, Kentucky's refusal to promote and adopt demand side energy management policies, Kentucky's refusal to demand energy companies to find new solutions to energy efficiency rather than relying on the archaic energy production model of coal, Kentucky's refusal to sufficiently promote and use the wind, solar, hydroelectric, and other renewable resources of our state, Kentucky's refusal to require more adequate regulation of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases, and

¹ See Order, In the Matter of: Joint Application of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, and a Site Compatibility Certificate, for the Expansion of the Trimble County Generating Station, Case No. 2004-00507, November 1, 2005.

Kentucky's approval to allow the building of unneeded power plants, such carbon regulation will have a harrowing affect on the energy industry in this state. We need to start making preparations for this inevitable truth by making our energy policies more environmentally responsible, and not by rewarding energy companies with rate increases for the construction of new inefficient, unneeded power plants. There are more economically efficient ways for Kentucky's energy companies to cut costs rather than passing on those costs to Kentucky's vulnerable ratepayers. It is up to our state government and the PSC to remove that vulnerability and stand up for the rights of all Kentucky's ratepayers.

Therefore I ask the Public Service Commission to officially re-open Case # 2005-00507 and follow the order established in that case and cancel the construction before any more has been invested in this boondoggle. The ratepayers of Kentucky should not be forced to file litigation in order to have the Kentucky Public Service Commission serve the public interest. The PSC must serve the ratepayers not just the private interest of a for-profit utility.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cathy Cunningham".

Dennis and Cathy Cunningham