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**PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION**


Re: Case No. 2009-00039

Dear Ms. Derouen:

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the PETITION TO INTERVENE GALLATIN STEEL COMPANY filed in the above-referenced matter.

By copy of this letter, all parties listed on the attached Certificate of Service been served. Please place this document of file.

Very Truly Yours,



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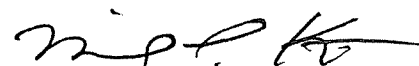
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via electronic mail (when available) or by regular U.S. mail to all parties on the 19th day of March, 2009.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In The Matter Of: An Examination By The Public Service Commission Of The Environmental Surcharge Mechanism Of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. For The Six-Month Billing Periods Ending December 31, 2007, June 30, 2008; And December 31, 2008; And The Pass-Through Mechanism For Its Sixteen Member Distribution Cooperatives

Case No. 2009-00039

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
GALLATIN STEEL COMPANY**

Pursuant to K.R.S. §278.310 and 807 KAR 5:001 Section 3(8), Gallatin Steel Company (“Gallatin”) requests that it be granted full intervenor status in the above-captioned proceeding and states in support thereof as follows:

1. Gallatin is the largest end use customer located in the Owen Electric Cooperative (“Owen”) service territory. Owen is in turn provided with generation and transmission service by East Kentucky Power Cooperative (“EKPC”).
2. The matters being decided by the Commission in this case may have a significant impact on the rates paid by Gallatin for electricity. Electricity represents a significant cost of doing business for Gallatin. The attorneys for Gallatin authorized to represent them in this proceeding and to take service of all documents are:

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3. The position of Gallatin cannot be adequately represented by any existing party. Gallatin intends to play a constructive role in the Commission's decision making process herein and Gallatin's participation will not unduly prejudice any party.

WHEREFORE, Gallatin Steel Company requests that it be granted full intervenor status in the above captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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