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David L. Armstrong
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Public Service Commission
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RE: Case No. 2011- 00401 ~~00445~~

Dear Chairman Armstrong,

I write in support of Kentucky Power Company's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to install environmental controls at Big Sandy Unit 2 as part of the company's plan to meet federal environmental requirements.

While several compliance strategies appear to be available to Kentucky Power and its parent company, AEP, retrofitting Big Sandy Unit 2 represents the best and long term cost effective source of generation for Kentucky Power and its customers. Replacing Big Sandy with natural gas fired base load generation would subject Kentucky Power's customers to the historic volatility of natural gas prices.

Purchased power would likewise make their customers vulnerable to the ebb and flow of power costs that respond to regional competitive economic demand. Kentucky Power's customers need long term, stable power rates from reliable resources upon which they can make decisions that would grow the area's economy.

Scrubbing Unit 2 offers the best opportunity to protect the jobs at the Big Sandy plant as well as jobs from the continued sale and transportation of Kentucky coal to the plant. The construction jobs for the retrofit would also be a big boost for the local economy. Loss of these jobs would have a significant negative impact on the economy of Kentucky Power's service territory.

I urge the Commission to accept Kentucky Power's application.

Sincerely,

Rocky Adkins
Majority Floor Leader