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COMMENTS:

Please allow me to make a few comments regarding Kentucky Power and their quest for a rate increase. My name is Steve Towler and I am a resident of Ashland Kentucky and serve as the County Judge Executive in Boyd County. We currently have 48,000 plus residents in our county.

I want to speak FOR Kentucky Power. I did not attend the public forum in our area and always planned to write a letter of support for Kentucky Power rather than testify. This will be my input.

I will not speak to the merits of the requested increase even though I know that Kentucky Power is making a case for the loss of customers from over 170,000 to approximately 168,000 customers. I also know other reasons they are requesting the rate increase.

I can speak for the fact that Kentucky Power constantly is working with its customer base to develop plans to use LESS power rather than MORE. They provide audits and other activities that promote conservation of electrical resources.

My main objective is to speak a positive voice for Kentucky Power in their interest and "coming to the table" for Economic Development in our region. I could cite numerous statistics, but let it suffice to say that they have provided a dramatic impetus to economic development in Northeast Kentucky. Their 15 cent plus match program for economic development has been dramatic. I know they are asking \$25 per bill with matching. I wholeheartedly endorse that program and request for a slight increase.

I could say many more positive things about Kentucky Power such as their willingness to deed 2 acres of their land (that they purchased from the county many years ago for substation) back to Boyd County for a new Animal Shelter. We hope to break ground December 1, 2017. The vast new aluminum plant of Braidy Industries is coming to our area and providing 600 new and excellent jobs. Yes, Kentucky Power is a positive and key player in our region. Please give their rate increase full consideration.

Thank you.

  
Steve Towler, Judge Executive, Boyd County