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Dear Representative Harris:

Thank you for your letter regarding the possible addition of public meetings in the Kentucky Power Company rate case, case number 2017-00179.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) will be holding three local meetings in early November for the purposes of taking public comment in that proceeding. They will be conducted November 2 in Prestonsburg, November 6 in Hazard and November 8 in Ashland. The times and specific locations of the meetings will be announced well in advance, once arrangements are finalized.

Depending on the size of the service territory, the PSC typically conducts a maximum of three public meetings in major rate cases or other proceeding that draw significant public interest. In the case of utilities with large service territories, such as Kentucky Power, the PSC sets the meetings in locations that give customers throughout the service territory a reasonable chance to attend.

Due to staffing constraints and scheduling limitations, scheduling four meetings in two neighboring counties would preclude holding meetings elsewhere and would be unfair to customers in other portions of the service territory. Consequently, the PSC will not be able to conduct meetings in either Pike County or Martin County.

In prior cases involving Kentucky Power, the PSC typically has held meetings in each of the utility's three service districts. In the current case, the meeting for the Pikeville district is being held in Prestonsburg. In nearly every previous case, that meeting was held in Pikeville. (I have attached a list of meetings held in previous Kentucky Power cases.)

As has always been the case, the presentation made by PSC staff at the meetings will be available on the PSC website. Videos of the public comment sessions also will be posted on the PSC website.

Furthermore, the PSC accepts written public comments in every matter that comes before it. There have been several hundred comments received already in the current Kentucky Power rate case.

Public comments may be sent by mail to the PSC at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601, by fax to 502-564-3460, or by e-mail to psc.info@ky.gov. Comments should state the case number, 2017-00179, and must include a place of residence.

Please feel free to share with your constituents the dates and locations of the public meetings and information on how to make public comments. If you have any questions about the meetings, please contact Andrew Melnykovych of the PSC staff at 502-782-2564.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

PUBLIC MEETING LOCATIONS IN PREVIOUS KENTUCKY POWER CO. CASES

Case 2014-00396 - Rate adjustment - March 2015

Louisa

Pikeville

Hazard

<u>Case 2012-00578 – Replacement of generating capacity at Big Sandy power station – May 2013</u>

Louisa

Whitesburg (teleconference)

Hazard (teleconference)

<u>Case 2011-00401 – Environmental compliance case regarding installation of pollution controls at the Big Sandy power plant – April 2012</u>

Louisa

Pikeville

Whitesburg

Hazard

Case 2009-00459 - Rate adjustment - April 2010

Ashland

Pikeville

Hazard

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