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To:
Subject: Comment on Case 3 2020-00174

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Thank you for your comments on the application of Kentucky Power Company. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2020-00174, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00174.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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Commissioners:

As you consider the rate case with Kentucky Power, I encourage you to have a public hearing before making any decision. People who are impacted by rate changes should have the opportunity to express their concerns and opinions about the case. There are ways to do that without having an in person hearing.

Secondly, in considering the case, I hope you will take into account the impact the request for increased rates will have on the consumers who use Kentucky Power. As you know, Kentucky Power operates in an area with high unemployment and poverty levels. In addition, Covid-19 has put an added strain on the economy in that area. Increasing rates, even if they are delayed until 2022, will add an extra burden on customers. We can hope the economy will be better, and there will be more

job opportunities, but there is no guarantee. Perhaps the rate increase proposal should be postponed until more is known. I understand that Kentucky Power also has financial challenges, but it might need to find ways to reduce its expenses.

Thirdly, when considering net metering, Kentucky Power is not opposed to solar energy. It wants a monopoly on it. Decreasing the amount Kentucky Power pays solar owners for extra electricity their systems generate will discourage people from investing in it and will harm the solar industry that is creating new job opportunities. Utility companies and private solar owners should not be competing but collaborating. It could be a cost saving for the utilities.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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