

**From:** [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Case # 2020-00215  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020 2:19:00 PM

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Dennis and Lisa Husk,

Thank you for your comments on the application of Kenergy Corp. 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, 2020-00215, in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [http://psc.ky.gov/PSC\\_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00215](http://psc.ky.gov/PSC_WebNet/ViewCaseFilings.aspx?Case=2020-00215).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Best Regards,

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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 9:54 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <PSC.Info@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** Case # 2020-00215

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Members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 615

211 Sowers Blvd.

Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: Broadband in Western Kentucky

Commissioners,

I am writing to show my support of Kenergy's broadband deployment project. I want

regulated electric cooperatives to be able to provide high-speed broadband services to my community, just as municipals and TVA cooperatives do today. Our community has limited, if any, availability to reliable, high-speed internet. This critical infrastructure is essential to business, healthcare, education and quality of life.

Extending broadband services to rural areas is the modern-day equivalent of rural electrification in the 1930's. Electric cooperatives have existing infrastructure throughout our region, which makes a perfect fit to be a broadband service provider.

I am requesting your approval of Kenergy's request for a waiver, which will expedite this project in a timely manner, ensuring electric cooperatives can secure financing for the buildout.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project, one that will positively impact my community and transform western Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Dennis and Lisa Husk  
1405 John Pate Road  
Lewisport, Ky 42351



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Denny Alford,

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**From:** Denny Alford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 21, 2020 8:47 PM  
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We would like to express our interest in broadband services through Kenergy.  
Sincerely,  
Denny Alford  
6222 KY-81, Owensboro, KY 42301

**From:** [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Case No. 2020-00215 - Kenergy kenect internet plan-letter in opposition  
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Gregory Nunn,

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From: PSC Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 10:46 AM  
To: PSC Executive Director <[PSCED@ky.gov](mailto:PSCED@ky.gov)>  
Subject: FW: Kenergy kenect internet plan-letter in opposition

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From: Gregory R Nunn [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 5:16 PM  
To: PSC Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
Subject: Kenergy kenect internet plan-letter in opposition

Kenergy and its predecessor co-ops and partner co-ops were established to bring electricity to rural areas not served by utilities due to remoteness and a small customer base.

In effect, areas not worth the investment of for-profit utility businesses, in pre-war, depression-era America.

Nearly 100 years later, this need no longer exists.

The Internet and its providers currently serve isolated, rural, and remote areas now, affordably, such as cellular hotspots, direct broadcast, and within a year or two, by low earth orbiting satellites, via

Elon Musk's Starlink/Space X.

There is no gap of coverage to be filled.

I currently live more than a mile from a road, extremely rural, very high hills, etc, yet I have dedicated 5g Internet, netflix, etc, etc.

Technologically, any service that can be brought to the market by kenect will be outdated, and of limited public value. It will also compete at an unfair advantage with legitimate, for profit businesses. As with their chartered missions of rural residential electricity, these co-ops have strayed. Industry and industrial customers are now their focus, so much so that the residential public customer now supports industry by paying higher residential rates.

Poor investment decisions, such as the DB Wilson coal-fired power plant, failure to embrace solar, and other issues are driving this hail-Mary effort to enter the market of ISPs to find revenue to off-set management errors.

GRADD has previously tried internet service, with dismal results. Populated areas were served, remote areas not. Lack of access to towers and even basic RF knowledge and capabilities made the GRADD system a failure.

Should these utilities claim they will run fiber instead of RF, I will remind the commission of the extensive power outages from ice storms, etc, and the enormous downtimes experienced by customers. I was 13 days without power, some customers went longer.

Above ground fiber requires intensive install, maintenance, and repairs.

RF requires either new towers or space on existing towers, or both.

Again, expensive, highly intricate and technical.

Kenergy has a core business, a chartered mission.

ISP is not it. Nor is radio communications or fiber optic communications.

Owning subsidiary businesses is not it, either.

Failure is and should be an option for any business.

If co-ops cannot survive, then they should go.

Letting them expand into areas they know nothing about, have no expertise in; areas presently served by multiple vendors with vast knowledge and capabilities, would be irresponsible.

Gregory Nunn

Hancock County Kentucky

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**From:** [Bruner, Brandon S \(PSC\)](#) on behalf of [PSC Executive Director](#)  
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Michael Roberts,

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**From:** Michael Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** PSC Public Information Officer <[PSC.Info@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.Info@ky.gov)>  
**Subject:** Case Number 2020-00215

To whom it may concern,

I'm Michael Roberts. My current address is 215 Fred Hodges Rd, Lewisport KY. I have lived in Hancock County for most of my life.

I was born in 1994 so it's sort of like I grew up with the internet. I remember the sounds of dial-up when I was a young kid. And I remember being so fortunate to have DSL when I was a teenager. 3 mbps download speeds were excellent when compared to many of my friends. This was less than 10 years ago.

Since then, a ton has changed. I have a daughter who has, for the last few weeks, been required to do remote schooling. And I've been working remotely since March of this year.

Once again, we are extremely fortunate to have DSL available to us - this time, a whopping 12 mbps download speed. Although that is slow, it would be palatable if weren't for the lack of reliability.

What happens when I call our ISP to discuss these reliability issues? A robot tells me to call another number. I call. Another robot asks me to enter some numbers. I do. My internet is reconnected at this point. They run a system check, the robot tells me everything is fine, then the call ends.

How could a multi-billion dollar company like AT&T get away with such non-existent customer service? There's one answer: I have no other option.

Unfortunately, the same holds true for most everyone else in my community. Our options in regards to internet service are extremely limited.

It's 2020. We have fiber backbone ran through our county. And no one (that I'm aware of) plans to leverage it, except for Kenect. Meanwhile my internet speed is literally less than the average speed of those in third world countries [0]. We are behind the times. It is limiting my community economically and otherwise. No one else has made a serious proposition to do anything about it until now.

Please allow Kenergy to operate Kenect and provide internet service to my community. I sincerely believe the potential benefits far out weigh the minimal risk.

Thank you,  
Michael Roberts

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