Attention: Kentucky Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard

Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Re: CASE NUMBER 2021-00004; KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY; APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION AT THE MITCHELL GENERATING STATION, AN AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN, AND REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE TARIFF SHEETS

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to request that the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("KPCS"), <u>reject the proposed</u> environmental surcharge increase outlined in case number 2021-00004.

It is well beyond the scope of service that rate payers continue to carry the burden of "environmental surcharges" or "decommissioning riders", of the monopolized utility sector. American Electric Power and its subsidiaries are for profit entities, and therefore need to be treated as such.

AEP 2021 Q1 Earnings Indicate the profitably of their current business model, indicating to me that they can handle the situation that they created.

"COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 22, 2021 - American Electric Power (Nasdaq: AEP) today reported first-quarter 2021 earnings, prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), of \$575 million or \$1.16 per share, compared with GAAP earnings of \$495 million or \$1.00 per share in first-quarter 2020. Operating earnings for first-quarter 2021 were \$571 million or \$1.15 per share, compared with operating earnings of \$504 million or \$1.02 per share in first-quarter 2020." (https://www.aep.com/news/releases/read/6085/AEP-Reports-Strong-First-Quarter-2021-Earnings)

AEP needs to carry this burden and the KPSC needs to stand up for the citizens of Kentucky. Please reject the proposed case and help end the monopolization of our states utility market.

Regards,

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