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Kent A. Chandler Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601

## **RE: Sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities**

Chairman Chandler,

As President/CEO of One East Kentucky I wish to extend our support, as well as that of our Board of Directors, for the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities. In addition, we speak on the behalf of 40+ privately owned businesses in East Kentucky who wish to see this transaction proceed.

Kentucky Power has been a tremendous partner in our efforts to bring new jobs and private investment to the Coal Fields of Kentucky. In a recent meeting with Liberty Utilities executives, they promised to continue, and possibly broaden that support throughout the service territory.

Liberty will not only financially support efforts as well as communities across east Kentucky, but they will also have a direct impact on new jobs with the addition of 125 – 150 new employees needed to ensure appropriate service across the territory. They have shown proof of their contributions to communities in many other states in which they serve customers. We feel this sale will bring about additional positive changes within the Kentucky Power footprint.

Lastly, Liberty has shown a commitment to renewable energy sources that may provide a more stable portfolio and less volatility to the customer base here in Appalachia. We strongly urge you to approve the sale of Kentucky Power to Liberty Utilities. I may be reached for further comments via the methods below.

Sincerely,

Charles Sexton, President & CEO One East Kentucky

