

April 8, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Hon. Linda Bridwell, P.E.
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction of Transmission Facilities in Hardin County, Kentucky; Case No. 2022-00066, we hereby request a public meeting and the opportunity for comment regarding this project.

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

As an owner of Parcel ID 207-00-00-030 with the address of 1055 Glendale-Hodgenville Road West in Glendale, KY on which construction of a 345 kV, high voltage line is proposed that will infringe upon our property, we request a public meeting an ample time for public comment by land owners and resident of the area.

This is the third time our family's land is under threat of eminent domain for the megasite and related improvements.

In 2002, the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Economic Development Foundation in partnership with the Commonwealth of Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet under threat of eminent domain took 68 acres of our property to eventually transfer to Ford Motor Company. In 2021, Ford had \$136 billion in revenues, \$18 billion in profits and an Executive Chairman with a \$21 million compensation package.

Then, in 2013, the Kentucky Transportation Department took 4 more acres of our property under eminent domain to widen Highway 222 to serve the megasite and its future occupant as well as the increased traffic. We received one-tenth of the value of the property directly adjacent to ours in spite of the comprehensive plan declaring all property commercial property and discouraging residential development due to the future development of the megasite.

Now, Kentucky Utilities, a PPL company which has \$5.8 billion in revenues and a CEO with a \$2.32 million compensation package wants to take part of our property for a proposed 345 kV transmission line which will ruin the balance of our property for a planned commercial business park which we have not yet been able to develop because the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet took the land between our property and Highway 222 and has not completed the road in the 9

years since they took land to make improvements. We can't develop until the road project is completed.

When is enough really enough? Our neighbor to the east is a willing seller and the line is already designed to go over the edge of that property.

The neighbor has told KU that the whole property can be sold to be used for the line construction. If the line did go further east across that property and straight south onto what is currently megasite property (previously taken from us in 2002), it would not impact our current property. This would involve about a 200 yard shift in the design eastward and would not have a negative impact on any other owners or residents.

We are asking the Public Service Commission to help us reach a fair and reasonable solution as no other land owner to our knowledge has given up property three times for this project. We feel we are victims of discrimination and exploitation all in an effort to transfer land from the poor to the rich in a billionaire welfare scheme.

KU has received plenty of benefits as they were awarded service territory in an area where 81% was served by Nolin Rural Electric and 19% by KU. So, rural electric customers are now subsidizing KU because they could have had the load for the Ford plant which would have allowed economies of scale to help offset the low line mile density typical in rural service areas.

We hope the Public Service Commission will indeed serve public interests rather than those of big business and the greed that continues to go along with this project. With \$400 plus million allocated to this project by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I would think the taxpayers who funded that seed money would be treated fairly.

Sincerely,

Steve Dobson

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Owner, Parcel ID 207-00-00-030