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Chair Hatton, Vice Chair Regan, Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Mayfield
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: Docket Number 2026-00001

Chair and Commissioners:

I am writing to respectfully urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to approve Kentucky Power's application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that would allow the company to construct a mechanical draft cooling tower at the coal-fired Mitchell Power Plant.

By way of background, America's Power advocates at the federal, regional, and state levels on behalf of the coal fleet and its supply chain. The coal fleet is an affordable, reliable, resilient, and fuel-secure source of electricity that is essential to satisfying the unprecedented increase in electricity demand that is challenging federal officials, grid operators, and public utility commissions. For example, electricity demand in the PJM region where the plant is located is projected to increase by more than 40% over the next ten years. We work with PJM officials and, as you know, they are deeply concerned about electricity demand growth. Without the cooling tower upgrade, as much as 800 megawatts of the Mitchell Power Plant's capacity could be at risk due to the limitations of the existing cooling system.

The Mitchell Power Plant enables Kentucky Power to provide reliable and affordable power to its customers. Kentucky Power and PJM ratepayers will benefit from the cooling tower project because it will help improve the efficiency and reliability of the plant. More efficient operation lowers the cost of generating electricity, and improved reliability provides greater assurance that the plant is available to generate electricity whenever needed.

The Department of Energy (DOE) recognizes the vital role the coal fleet plays in providing reliable generation to meet demand and to keep retail power prices down. For that reason, DOE has awarded grants to modernize existing coal power plants under the Defense Production Act. These grants include more than \$50 million to support the Unit 2 cooling tower project and thus reduce the impact of the project on customers in Kentucky Power's service territory.

We appreciate the commission taking time to consider our letter.

Sincerely,



Michelle Bloodworth
President and CEO