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Stites & Harbison, PLLC
Attention: R. Benjamin Crittenden
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Re: Kentucky Power Company
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 5/1/12
PSC Reference – Admin. Case No. 345

Dear Mr. Crittenden:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on May 1, 2012 on behalf of Kentucky Power Company ("Ky Power") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Ky Power's Emergency Operations Plan. The information is described as engineering, vulnerability, and design information regarding critical infrastructure and is more particularly described in Vol/Pg Nos.: VI-10; VI-11; VI-15 – 17; VI-33 – 35; Appendix VII-1 – 6; VIII-1; VIII-6 – 7; VIII-13 – 14; VIII-15; VIII-19; VIII-20; VIII-22; VIII-23 – 35; VIII-40 – 55; VIII-56 – 57; and VIII-67


Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in a threat to public safety.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed could result in a threat to public safety. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Kentucky Power Company is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



Jeff DeBuen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record