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SITING BOARD RECEIVES FIRST APPLICATION

Kentucky Mountain Power Files for Knott County Project

Deadline for requesting hearing is July 15

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FRANKFORT – The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting has received its first complete application for a construction certificate for a generating plant that would sell electricity on the open, wholesale market.

Kentucky Mountain Power LLC has applied to build a 500 megawatt coal-burning plant on a site in Knott County. The application and related documents are available on the Siting Board Web site:

http://www.psc.state.ky.us/agencies/psc/siting_board/merchant.htm.

Under the law passed earlier this year by the Kentucky General Assembly, the Siting Board has 120 days to decide whether to approve applications. The law and associated regulations set certain requirements and deadlines for public participation in the review process. Those are:

- Persons or entities with an interest in the case can apply to the Siting Board to become parties to (intervenor) in the case. Intervenor are full participants in the case, with the right to request information from the applicant or other parties to the case and to cross-examine witnesses in the evidentiary hearing. Intervenor are not required to reside in the county in which the facility is proposed. Requests for intervenor status must be made in writing to the Siting Board at the above address within 30 days of the filing of a complete application. **The deadline in the Kentucky Mountain Power case is July 15, 2002.**

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- A formal evidentiary hearing may be held at the request of parties to the case or on motion of the Siting Board. Participation in the hearing is limited to the applicants and to parties to the case. Testimony is taken under oath. Requests for a formal hearing must be made in writing to the Siting Board at the above address within 30 days of the filing of a complete application. **The deadline in the Kentucky Mountain Power case is July 15, 2002.**
- A local public hearing will be held if requested by a local government entity or by at least three residents of the county in which the facility is proposed. The local public hearing would provide an opportunity for the general public to be heard by the Siting Board in an informal setting. Requests for an informal hearing must be made in writing to the Siting Board at the above address within 30 days of the filing of a complete application. **The deadline in the Kentucky Mountain Power case is July 15, 2002.**

More information on the public participation process is available on the Siting Board web site. Any hearings in the case will be announced as they are scheduled.

