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Dr. Alan R. Schriber
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**Re: In the Matter of the Application for Certificate EKPC/CCD 345
kV Interconnection Project Case Number 03-132-EL-BTX**

Dear Chairman Schriber:

Enclosed please find a letter regarding public hearing held on February 10, 2004, at the Ripley-Union Lewis High School, for clarification purposes, as recommended by Administrative Law Judge Farkas.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Lisa G. McAlister

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EAST KENTUCKY POWER COOPERATIVE

February 16, 2004

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**Re: In the Matter of the Application for Certificate EKPC/CCD 345 kV
Interconnection Project Case Number 03-132-EL-BTX**

Dear Chairman Schriber:

In accordance with a suggestion made by Administrative Law Judge Farkas, and for clarification purposes, in the following paragraphs, East Kentucky Power Cooperative ("EKPC") describes several comments/issues discussed on the record at the Public Hearing for the above referenced project, sponsored by the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") and held on the evening of February 10, 2004, at the Ripley-Union Lewis High School.

1. Soil Erosion

The OPSB Staff has issued a list of conditions and requirements for erosion control and protection of the environment for right-of-way clearing and construction of the proposed project in its Staff Report. EKPC stands ready to meet those conditions set forth by the OPSB Staff Report, has met all Ohio laws and rules related to the investigation and mitigation planning required by the OPSB, the Ohio EPA, and other State and Federal agencies as appropriate, and will continue to meet all such laws, rules and conditions.

2. EMF

Questions were asked about the danger of exposure to EMF from this line. Although no standards exist as to the location of an electrical facility as it relates to EMF levels, it has long been EKPC's practice to locate transmission lines at least 200 feet from inhabitable dwellings where practicable. This is done for a number of reasons, including the possible perceptions of the public related to EMF. The closest inhabited structure in this instance is approximately 218 ft from the proposed centerline. In the absence of any definitive scientific information related to health concerns and exposure to EMF exposure, EKPC has sought to provide information and reliable sources of information to those individuals who express concern about the issue. To that end, EMF information was provided at the Open House sponsored by EKPC on February 20,

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2003, and website information was provided on the night of the public hearing. One attendee at the hearing requested this information, and it has already been sent.

3. New Technology and Existing Facilities

One Public Hearing attendee inquired as to whether new technologies or existing facilities could have been used to transmit power instead of constructing a new line. This really was not feasible for this project. EKPC always evaluates the potential for upgrades of existing facilities and the use of implementable technologies, but planning studies performed in conjunction with the four other interconnected utilities established the need for and advisability of constructing this new line as part of the overall transmission outlet plan associated with the addition of the Gilbert Unit near Maysville, Kentucky. Although an existing facility could not be modified to provide adequate connection to the transmission grid, the proposed route does, for the majority of its length, follow an existing transmission line route in Ohio in order to minimize impacts of new construction.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you.



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