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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GUIDE FOR PLANT SITING PROCESS NOW AVAILABLE

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FRANKFORT – The Kentucky State Board on Electrical Generation and Transmission Siting (the Siting Board) has published a guide for citizens interested in participating in review of applications for new electric power plants and transmission lines in the state.

The guide is available for downloading from the Siting Board's Web site at:

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

People without access to the Internet may obtain a copy of the guide by contacting the Siting Board.

The Siting Board was established earlier this year by the Kentucky General Assembly to regulate the location of electric generating facilities and transmission lines that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Generating facilities under Siting Board jurisdiction sell power on the wholesale market and are commonly known as merchant power plants or independent power producers (IPPs).

Public participation is an essential element in the Siting Board's review process. The citizens' guide explains how the Siting Board reviews applications and the opportunities for citizens to get involved. The guide also summarizes the public input process for the air, water and solid waste permits that merchant plants may be required to obtain from the Kentucky Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

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Thus far, four companies have filed notices of intent to apply to the Siting Board for construction certificates. They are:

- Kentucky Mountain Power (EnviroPower) – Knott County
- Thoroughbred Generating (Peabody) – Muhlenberg County
- Estill County Energy Partners (Calla Energy) – Estill County
- Westlake Energy Corp. – Calvert City, Marshall County

Kentucky Mountain Power has filed an application, which has not yet been deemed complete.

