

FW Proposed KCPL plant

Re: Case #EW-2004-0596

Dear Commissioner Gaw:

I am writing in regards to KCP&L's proposal for a new coal-burning power plant just 30 miles north of Kansas City. I am sure you are aware of the negative health impacts associated with burning coal with even the best available technology. Mercury poisoning of our unborn, asthma in our children, and now studies say heart disease in adults are just a few of the consequences.

This new plant could also harm the economy of the Kansas City area. We are close to being in non-attainment for federal ozone standards and this additional plant could jeopardize our standing. The rate increase that would be required for such a project could also hinder growth. Who among us wants to pay higher energy costs for dirtier air?

I want to see electricity used more efficiently, but without the harmful health consequences and pollution associated with wasteful electricity production and consumption. Please do the right thing. Give KCPL incentives to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. Please give KCPL incentives to clean up their current coal-burning plants. Missouri should be a model state for clean energy production and consumer efficiency. Our health and that of our descendants depends on progressive thinking and action.

Respectfully,

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