

Dear Commissioner Gaw:

I am writing regarding KCPL's proposal for a new coal-burning power plant just about fifteen miles from my farm. I just bought this hundred-year-old farm in Platte County in May. I have attended meetings and rallies and written letters and signed petitions to fight the resulting pollution which would threaten my farm. I want to be a good steward to my land and not use chemicals on it or compact the soil with huge tractor wheels. Those are impacts I have control over.

But my neighbors and I have no control over pollution from the existing power plant or new ones being proposed. We must ultimately rely on you and commissions such as yours to protect our futures: our health, our children, our land, our water.

I trust you will see there are more appropriate approaches to the KCPL theory that we need more power---or someone somewhere in the country does---so they must have more coal-burning power plants.

I was in Germany in June. There are wind farms everywhere. The huge, graceful turbines are actually beautiful. They're pristine. It's time for America to harness clean, free wind power as we engage in more efficient practices. It's time for someone to say no more backward, costly, polluting coal plants.

KCPL must promote energy efficiency and renewable energy. KCPL must clean up their current coal-burning plants.

I hope you will protect the citizens of the Kansas City area, Platte County, and Missouri from this short-sighted KCPL proposal.

Thank you.

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