

Dear Commissioner Gaw,

This email is about Kansas City Power and Light's efforts to build a new coal-fired power plant in Iatan, MO. I live in Weston township, a few miles from Iatan.

I strongly oppose the building of a new coal-fired power plant. I also oppose any approval of a rate increase for KCP&L to pay for such a plant. If indeed we need to address energy usage in this area in the foreseeable future, then I would much rather pay for conservation efforts by KCP&L. And I would rather see a rate increase that would help KCP&L initiate the meaningful development of renewable, clean, alternative energy sources.

Though they have recently suggested a token amount of wind power, I do not presently trust their commitment to wind power at even the level they are presently proposing. If enticing them with some sort of rate increase would move them in a real way in this direction, than I would support such a rate increase.

But I definitely oppose a new coal-fired power plant at Iatan, and any rate increases to pay for costs associated with one. We in this area are already paying the price for the air and water pollution coming from the present Iatan plant. KCP&L will in a few years finally be required to upgrade their pollution controls on this plant. Just as we are about to get some relief for the air and water we live with, please don't saddle us with a new coal-fired plant.

There are many of us in Platte County that are opposed to this plant, as I've discovered in organizing with others in trying to deal with this issue. I appreciate your consideration of our concerns as you consider the requests of KCP&L.

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