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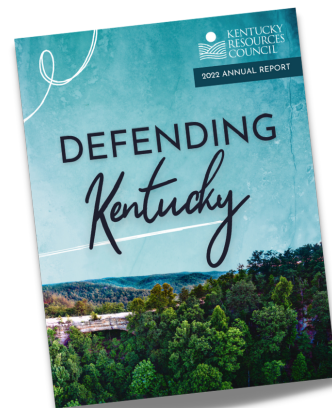


### 2022 Annual Report

Because of your generosity, we expanded our reach, providing more than \$1.5 million worth of legal services across the Commonwealth (a 26% increase from last year).

We tackled a wide range of environmental and energy issues, including pollution from industrial animal feeding operations, coal ash contamination, gas pipeline impacts, and protection of endangered species. We're also representing a coalition of allies in rate and planning cases before the Public Service Commission, working towards more sustainable, just, and affordable energy for ratepayers.

[Read our 2022 Annual Report and learn what else we have been up to this year.](#)



Know that none of this work would have been possible without you. You enabled us to go before courts and the legislature to protect the Commonwealth's natural resources and communities; to inform and empower Kentuckians and fight alongside them for environmental justice;

and to hold our government accountable.

Help us make 2023 just as successful and [make a donation before the end of the year.](#)

**Make a year-end donation to KRC**

# ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE



Advocating for  
Clean & Renewable Energy

## **Kentucky Regulators Embrace Many Recommendations from Citizen's Groups for Improving Long-Term Planning for LG&E and KU**

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) recently issued its Final Staff Report on the 2021 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from Louisville Gas & Electric/Kentucky Utilities Company (LG&E/KU). Kentucky's regulated electric utilities must submit these long-term plans to the PSC every three years to help ensure that they are adequately planning for their customers' future needs. The Council and Earthjustice represented the "joint intervenors" in this IRP case – Mountain Association, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, the Kentucky Solar Energy Society, and Metropolitan Housing Coalition.

The PSC Staff Report reflected many of the concerns shared by the Joint Intervenors and placed the utilities on notice that they need to meet a higher standard in their planning process.

### **Key points from the PSC Staff Report noted:**

- LG&E/KU produced an incomplete plan that failed to evaluate all reasonable resource options and overlooked many cost-effective strategies.
- The IRP failed to examine the continuation or expansion of LG&E/KU's Demand-Side Management (DSM) and energy efficiency programs.
- The IRP was disconnected from the reality of LG&E/KU's actual planning.
  - The utilities argued that the IRP process was only an exercise, but the PSC made clear that the IRP process should result in an actual plan they

- intend to implement.
- This disconnect was illustrated when it was revealed that LG&E/KU are preparing to seek permission to build new Natural Gas Combined Cycle (NGCC) Generators, even though their IRP described NGCC units as "not viable."
- The major utilities' treatment of carbon risk was inconsistent.
  - LG&E/KU's parent company, PPL, is committed to reduce carbon emissions by 70% by 2035 and be net-zero by 2050, yet LG&E/KU's IRP projects the utilities continuing to be heavily dependent on coal and natural gas beyond 2060.
  - The PSC noted that this inconsistency indicates the failure of the IRP to address critical assumptions in the utilities' planning, which could result in their customers being stuck with the costs.
- There were many shortcomings in the utilities' modeling process, reinforcing the comments presented by the Joint Intervenor's expert witnesses.

The PSC Staff Report represents a notable change in how the PSC reviews utility IRPs, raising expectations that future IRPs will be handled with much greater seriousness and transparency by the state's regulated utilities.

The Council and our allies will continue to push utilities to create long-term plans prioritizing a rapid shift to clean, renewable energy, distributed generation, affordable access, and the health of our communities in response to our changing climate.

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GET INVOLVED



Annual Meeting

**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 12, 2022**  
**Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest**

You are invited to the Kentucky Resources Council's Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 12 at Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest.

Learn from environmental leaders, hear from KRC's Director Ashley Wilmes about the work of KRC in 2022 and what's coming up next, celebrate our 2022 award winners, and join other environmentalists who are interested in making positive change for Kentucky.

1:00-2:00pm - Hike & Tour with Bernheim Staff

2:00pm-3:30pm - Annual Meeting & Light Refreshments

### Hear from our 2022 Award Winners

A huge congratulations is in order to our 2022 Award Winners!

- Sue Anne Salmon Community Advocacy Award - **Dr. Natasha DeJarnett**
- Winnie Hepler Lifetime Achievement Award - **John & Jean Rosenberg**

Come out to this year's meeting and help us honor these incredible people!

### The 1:00pm hike is optional!

This will be an easy hike/tour led by Bernheim Staff, highlighting restoration efforts, art installations, and more. Feel free to join in, but if you can't make the hike, we would love to see you at 2:00pm for the start of the Annual Meeting.

### RSVP

This is a free event, but registration is required as space is limited.

[Reserve your spot today. Register now.](#)

## Register for KRC's Annual Meeting



### 2022 GoodGiving Challenge November 29-December 2

Hosted by Blue Grass Community Foundation & Smiley Pete Publishing, The GoodGiving Challenge is an online giving campaign that builds a spirit of philanthropy and makes supporting nonprofits (like the Kentucky Resources Council) easy!

During the GoodGiving Challenge, your contributions of \$10 or more are amplified through sponsored endowment and matching incentives! So, if you want your gift to go further, make sure to mark your calendars for November 29-December 2 and make a plan to give to KRC at <https://www.bggives.org/kyresources>

Since its inception in 2011, the GoodGiving Challenge has raised over \$17 million for local nonprofits. In 2021, over 13,000 gifts totaling \$2.9 million were given to benefit 179 regional nonprofits.

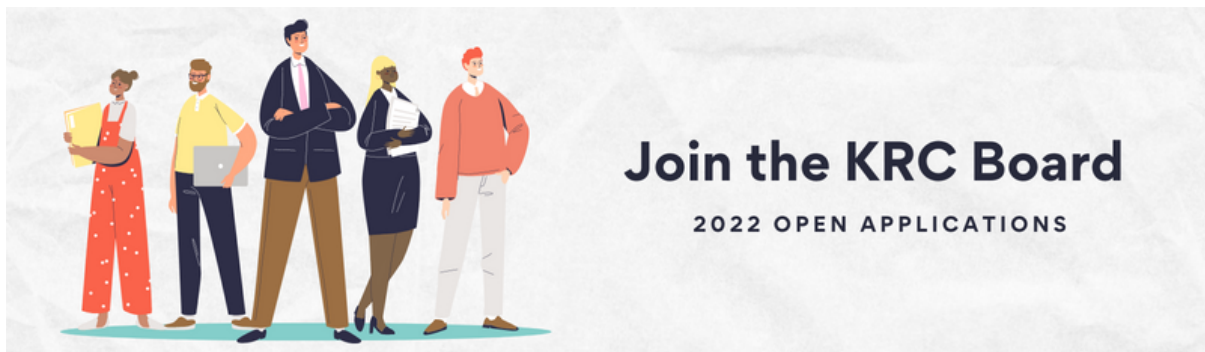
### Ways you can help:

- Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or LinkedIn
- Create a [Fundraising Page](#) and share why Kentucky Resources Council matters



to you! [Learn more about Fundraiser Pages.](#)

GoodGiving is November 29-December 2



### Open Applications for KRC Board

Do you care strongly for Kentucky's environment? Do you have a passion for helping nonprofits grow and make a bigger impact in our society? Maybe now is the time to apply to become an officer of the Kentucky Resources Council Board.

Applications are opened now through the end of the year.

Questions about Board service? Email [ashley@kyrc.org](mailto:ashley@kyrc.org)

### KRC Board Application



### Meet our newest intern!

Henna Khan began her journey in Environmental Law as a fellow for the Resilience Justice Fellowship at the University of Louisville. After being introduced to resilience and adaptive policy reform she continued her education by pursuing her Juris Doctorate and Master of Urban Planning Dual Degree. She has a focus in equitable and sustainable planning, as well as land use.

We are so thankful for Henna's work as she assists us in policy research. We look forward to sharing her work with you in the coming months!

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