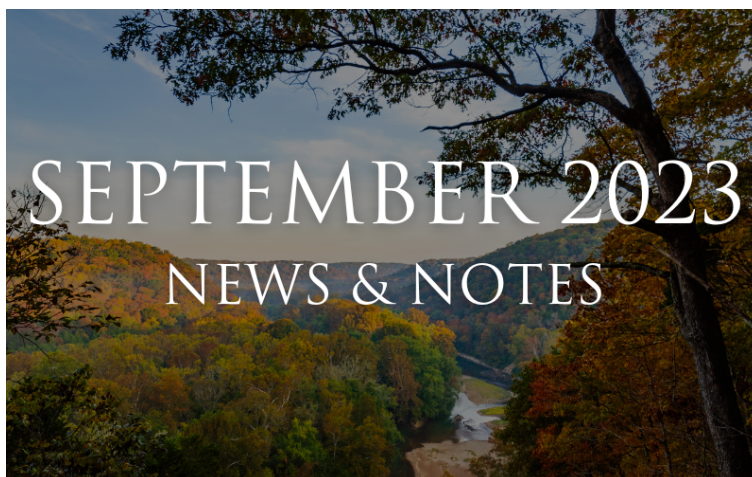


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Fighting for a Cleaner, More Efficient Energy Future

On August 22, 2023, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) opened a public hearing on Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities' request to retire four coal-fired electric generating units and three natural gas simple cycle combustion turbine units, and to replace them with two new natural gas combined cycle facilities, two solar facilities, one battery storage facility, and four solar power-purchase agreements. LG&E and KU need the PSC's approval to build these new gas plants and must show a need for the new generating capacity and an "absence of wasteful duplication." They are also seeking approval for their proposed demand-side management plan.

This request is also the first test of Kentucky's 2023 Senate Bill 4 ("SB4"), a law advocated by coal interests to attempt to extend the life of coal-fired power plants, which requires utilities to seek approval from the PSC to close fossil-fueled electric generation. KRC and our allies opposed SB4 during the 2023 legislative session, joined by several utility companies who said the bill would damage grid reliability and raise costs by forcing utilities to operate coal plants past their useful lives.

Alongside Earthjustice, KRC represents Metropolitan Housing Coalition, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Solar Energy Society, and Mountain Association as Joint Intervenors in this case. KRC attorneys Tom FitzGerald and Byron Gary attended the six-day hearing, where the Joint Intervenors advanced a business case for closing these coal-fired plants. They rebutted LG&E and KU's case for building two new greenhouse gas-emitting power plants rather than aggressively pursuing energy efficiency, renewables, and other strategies to meet and lower energy demand.

There is also still time to submit a public comment and tell the PSC that Kentucky needs a cleaner and more energy efficient future! Comments can be submitted until October 4.

Submit a comment by

- [PSC website](#)
- [email to PSC.comment@ky.gov](mailto:PSC.comment@ky.gov)
- mail to PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602-0615.

When submitting your comment, include your name, address, and case number 2022-00402.

[Read more about submitting a comment](#)

KRC and Allies Help Secure a Victory for Kentucky Ratepayers

This week, the PSC denied millions of dollars in electricity discounts offered by utility Kentucky Power to support a proposed massive and energy-intensive cryptocurrency mining operation in Eastern Kentucky, owned by Ebon International. The PSC found that the potential risks to ratepayers outweighed any economic benefits. KRC and Earthjustice

represented Mountain Association, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, Sierra Club, and KRC as Joint intervenors in the PSC case.

"We are pleased with the decision in this case, and grateful the Commission has decided to take a closer look at the ongoing subsidies provided to these wasteful facilities. We hope the Commission will continue to place consideration on the impacts of its decisions on the average ratepayers already struggling with high electric utility bills."

- Byron Gary, KRC Program Attorney

[Read Kentucky Lantern's coverage of the case.](#)

Your Support Makes this Work Possible

KRC holds polluters accountable in courtrooms and before regulators thanks to your contributions. We provide pro-bono legal work to fight for cleaner energy, affordable utility rates, and a healthier tomorrow for the benefit of all who call Kentucky home.

Your donation is what powers this crucial work.

Make a tax-deductible donation.



Clean Air Act 101 & Clean Water Act 101

Before the Clean Water Act, Ohio's Cuyahoga River caught fire at least a dozen times due to high levels of industrial pollution, and Lake Erie was described as a cesspool. Before the Clean Air Act, Donora, Pennsylvania saw 20 of its people die and 40% of its residents ill due to toxic smog.

The CWA and CAA helped America clean up some of its most heavily polluted areas and, as a result, saved countless lives. But the CWA's goal of "fishable and swimmable" waters has not been met, and air pollution continues to impact our health. Industries and technology have changed, and there are new and emerging threats from pollution and climate change. So, our fight for a healthy environment continues.

Join our environmental attorneys and policy experts in an introductory training to the CWA and CAA - what it is, what it regulates, and why citizen oversight is so important.

Interested in booking a training?

Are you part of an organization that would like one of our attorneys to visit (in-person or virtual) with training on the CWA or CAA? Contact [Amy Carpenter, Special Projects Coordinator & Communications Associate](#), at amy@kyrc.org, to schedule a time!

Future trainings to come!

We're currently working on future trainings about several environmental topics. If your organization is interested in learning about what trainings are still to come, [contact Amy Carpenter](#).



Environmental Champion Nominations

The nominating period for our 2023 Environmental Champion awards is now open. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize and honor our fellow Kentuckians for their dedication to a cleaner and more just Kentucky.

Sue Anne Salmon Community Advocacy Award

Intended to recognize those who demonstrate principled and courageous environmental advocacy for the betterment of the community and the environment, as Sue Anne Salmon did for her whole life. This award is given to celebrate recent, outstanding acts of community advocacy in a way that advances environmental justice in Kentucky.

Winnie Hepler Lifetime Achievement Awards

Intended to recognize an individual whose life's work has shown dedication, selfless commitment to nature and others, and courage to speak against injustice, as has been the life's essence of the individual for whom the new award is named: Winnie Hepler.

[Learn more about past winners.](#) Please submit all nominations by September 29, 2023.

Nominate an environmental champion!

SUPPORTING KRC

Let's hear from you - KRC Supporter Survey

KRC is looking to learn more about you, your passion for the environment, and how we can be more responsive. Please take a few minutes to complete our brief supporter survey by using the button below. This survey will only take a few minutes.

Thank you so much for supporting KRC and for helping protect Kentucky's air, water, land, and communities!

Take the KRC Supporter Survey

Make a Tax-Free Gift with an IRA

As we approach the year's final quarter, have you begun to think about your charitable donations and any required minimum distributions you must make from your IRA? You can give any amount from your IRA to a qualified charity like KRC!

If you're interested in making a gift this way, don't wait until December 31. You can give now [online at www.kyrc.org](http://www.kyrc.org) or mail a check from your IRA or donor-advised fund to PO Box 1070, Frankfort, KY 40602. Gifts of appreciated stock can be given as well - contact Donna Counts, Development Associate, at donna@kyrc.org with any questions.



Using Facebook to Support KRC

If you're on [Facebook](#), you can follow KRC's work and share our posts and help us by sponsoring a personal Facebook Fundraiser. Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special events through Facebook Fundraisers. And Facebook charges NO FEES for donations to nonprofits!

To get started with a Facebook Fundraiser for KRC, follow these 5 easy steps:

1. On your Facebook page, look for the "Facebook Fundraisers" button (on a computer - the left-side menu of the screen; on a smartphone - select the menu button on the bottom right part of the screen, and scroll down to the "Facebook Fundraisers" button).
2. Select the "Select nonprofit" button, search for Kentucky Resources Council, then select our page.
3. Facebook will pre-fill information about KRC, but then you can personalize it the fundraiser by changing the photo, personalizing the message, selecting your fundraising goal, and adding the end date. Tag us by adding [@kyresources](#) at the end so we will know you are fundraising for us!
4. Select the "Create" button, and Facebook will send you a confirmation message.
5. Follow the prompts from Facebook to invite your friends and start fundraising!

KRC has been fortunate to have several wonderful supporters create Facebook Fundraisers. One donor, Sherrie Ragan Fleckinstein, created Facebook Fundraisers for the past two years and has raised \$425 for KRC! Sherrie said she sponsored the

fundraiser in honor of her granddaughter, and for all children, so they can enjoy our beautiful state and grow up in a healthy environment.

If you have any questions, please [contact Donna Counts, Development Associate, at donna@kyrc.org](#).

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