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## **Making the Case Against a Bad Investment**

As foreign and domestic companies look to establish cryptocurrency mining operations in Kentucky, KRC continues to respond by laying out the case for why this industry does not bring the return on investment Kentuckians deserve. According to a [recent report](#) by Earthjustice, Kentucky produces more carbon dioxide pollution from crypto mining than any other state. These operations consume large quantities of energy, drive pollution, and some require millions of dollars of upgrades to the electric grid for service. Crypto operations may drive up costs for ratepayers, while they typically produce few jobs for the region. In August, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a request from Kentucky Utilities to provide more than \$4 million in subsidized rates for a bitcoin mining facility in Union County which the facility says will create five jobs.

Alongside Earthjustice, KRC represents a coalition of allied groups – Mountain Association, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, and Sierra Club – who have intervened in several PSC cases this year, arguing against contracts that benefit cryptocurrency miners rather than local communities. Our latest case involved Kentucky Power seeking discounted rates for a 7-megawatt crypto mining facility in Pike County. In September, the Kentucky Public Service Commission approved the special contract with \$2.5 million discounts for the facility, but only with additional conditions to protect Kentucky ratepayers from the risks of the deal.

*"The Commission has correctly decided based on the laws of the Commonwealth that Kentucky Power's ratepayers should not face rate hikes because of out-of-state crypto mining corporations. We will keep working to protect Kentucky's ratepayers from these speculative crypto projects."* - Byron Gary, KRC Program Attorney

[Read more from Earthjustice](#)



## Planting the Seeds to Build a Better Farm Bill

Every five years, Congress must pass a new farm bill, which sets both policy and funding levels for agriculture, food, and conservation programs. With the last farm set to expire, KRC Executive Director Ashley Wilmes joined representatives from Sierra Club Kentucky in D.C. for their 2023 Farm Bill Lobby Weekend. In meetings with Representatives McGarvey and Barr, and with staff of Rep. Guthrie and Sen. McConnell, they advocated for a Farm Bill that prioritizes climate, conservation, and communities! But, as the [Kentucky Lantern reports](#), [Congress may be months away from a new version.](#)

Read more from the Sierra Club



*Brereton Jones with Wendell Berry, Professor Bill Martin, and Fitz At KRC Annual Meeting at Airdrie Stud Farm, Summer 2016*

## Remembering a Friend, Brereton Jones

The KRC Board, staff, and membership join with Libby, Lucy, and Bret, and all of Kentucky in mourning the passing and celebrating the life of our friend Brereton Jones, who died on September 18, 2023, after a long illness.

Kentucky is a better place for his many years of government and civic service to the people of the Commonwealth, both as Lieutenant Governor and Governor, and in his support for conservation, environmental, and other areas affecting the public interest. We will long remember his integrity, his compassion, and his commitment to the most noble ideals of governance. His and Libby's unwavering support for and interest in KRC's work for many years helped make possible the reach and scope of our work.

In his memory, and in honor of his and Libby's unflagging belief in our responsibility as catalysts for positive change, and faith in the "better angels" of our nature, we at KRC rededicate ourselves to the unfinished work of restoring justice to environmental policy.



### **Clean Air Act & Moving Environmental Justice Forward** **Friday, October 13, Noon-1:00pm EST | Virtual, 1 Hour CLE**

Since its passage in 1970, the Clean Air Act has cut pollution and made air quality improvements across America that have saved countless lives. But its enforcement has traditionally focused on broad-based goals, and while industries and technology have changed, many communities across the country still find themselves more likely to be exposed to harmful air pollution than others.

Learn about the new and anticipated changes underway for this pillar of our environmental regulatory framework. Join Byron Gary, KRC Program Attorney for a discussion on the history and structure of the CAA, compliance and enforcement requirements, and emerging regulatory, permitting, and guidance trends.

This is a virtual event and a free hour of continuing legal education for attorneys.

[Register Here](#)

**Can't make this time, but would like to view the recording later?**

Contact Amy Carpenter at [amy@kyrc.org](mailto:amy@kyrc.org).

Register Here

## SUPPORTING KRC



### **West 6th for a Cause** **Saturday, November 11, 2023, 6-9pm EST** **West Sixth Brewing - Lexington, 501 W. 6th #100, Lexington, KY 40508**

Join KRC at West Sixth Brewing - Lexington on Saturday, November 11 from 6-9pm. 6% of all sales will benefit KRC! Stop by anytime, grab something to drink and meet the KRC staff. Enjoy opportunities to learn about our protection of Kentucky's environment, play games, and earn prizes!

#### **Another opportunity to support**

During the entire month of November, customers at Lexington West Sixth who buy a beer tasting flight, will receive a Wooden Nickel that they can use to donate \$1 to KRC.



## **Join the KRC Board**

APPLICATION NOW OPEN

### **Apply for the KRC Board**

KRC is now accepting Board Member applications for those who want to create a healthier Kentucky for all.

KRC Board Members:

- Serve one term of three years.
- Meet once every other month for two hours.
- Participate in outreach opportunities.
- Serve on a committee (Administration, Litigation, Finance, Development, or Education)
- Advocate for KRC

**Questions?**

Contact Amy Carpenter at [amy@kyrc.org](mailto:amy@kyrc.org)

Submit Your Application

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## Kroger Community Rewards

Help fund KRC every time you visit Kroger! Choosing "Kentucky Resources Council" through the [Kroger Community Rewards](#) program is an easy way to support us.

How to register:

1. Visit [Kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com)
2. Sign in to your account (or create a new account).
3. Select KRC as your preferred organization to receive rewards by entering our NPO number (CP839). Select "Kentucky Resources Council" from the list of organizations and click "Save".

You're done! Every time you shop at Kroger, Kroger will donate a percentage back to KRC, at no cost to you!

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## FROM OUR FRIENDS

### Now Hiring at KLTC

The Kentucky Land Trusts Coalition is excited to solicit proposals for the role of our first Program Manager. KLTC is a 15-year-old organization that is a 501(c)3 non-profit. We are seeking proposals for a contracted role, to serve under the supervision of the KLTC executive committee and directly under the president of KLTC. KLTC will begin reviewing applications on September 30, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Read More from KLTC

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## Your Support Makes KRC's 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.

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