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## **Take Action! Urge the Frankfort Plant Board to DELAY the VOTE on the proposed power contract with KyMEA.**

The FPB is considering signing a 10 year contract with KyMEA for coal power from Big Rivers Electric, which has the highest rate of carbon emissions of all utilities in the USA.[1] The vote is scheduled for Tuesday August 16 at their regular board meeting (5:00pm at Farmers Bank, 125 W. Main St., Frankfort).

### **Message to FPB Board**

We ask for a delay on the vote about the KyMEA power contract, to give the board and community time to fully evaluate the contract. Frankfort was offered a take-it-or-leave-it contract with no process for engaging with the consultants to offer input, consider options, and evaluate alternatives. This is a major decision for the community that should allow for greater community involvement.

Committing to a 10-year contract for coal involves major financial risks at this time of great change in the energy sector. The FPB should allow a few more weeks to evaluate the contract and ensure that we make a financially sound decision.

### **Key Questions**

- 1- What impact will the EPA's Mercury Rule have on our rates?
- 2- What impact will new water protection regulations (the "ELG" rule) have on our rates?[2]
- 3- How will coal ash disposal regulations impact our rates?
- 4- What impact could carbon regulation have on our rates?
- 5- Why should we lock into a 10 year contract, and not a 3 year contract that would give us more options in the future?
- 6- These questions and other concerns with this complicated contract merit time for dialogue, evaluation, and careful consideration of options.
- 7- If this vote is rushed through and becomes a financial disaster such as Paducah has experienced, responsibility will rest on the shoulders of those who voted for it.[3]
- 8- If we take the time to consider the proposal carefully, and come to agreement on how to move forward, then all will share responsibility for the results.

**Please contact the FPB Board of Directors and ask them to DELAY THE VOTE on the KyMEA power contract.**

Also contact your City Commissioners, County Magistrates, Mayor May, and Judge/Executive Wells to share your concerns.

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#### Notes

[1] <http://archive.courierpress.com/news/big-rivers-has-nations-highest-rate-of-carbon-emissions-report-ep-1191898320-324867481.html>

[2] The US EPA approved the ELG Rule in 2015 to limit toxic water pollution from the wastewater from power plants. Vectren, a utility serving Evansville, Indiana with a coal power plant, is facing \$230 million in costs to comply with the ELG Rule. Big Rivers Electric has not announced its cost for compliance with the ELG Rule. <http://content.sierraclub.org/press-releases/2016/07/sierra-club-calls-vectren-clean-energy-transition-plan>

[3] "Paducah's municipal power system bet big on coal, and now the western Kentucky city's businesses and residents are paying a penalty in skyrocketing electricity rates and suffocating debt," from James Bruggers of the Courier-Journal. <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/tech/science/environment/2015/02/13/paducah-power-bets-coal-loses-prairie-state-energy-campus/23322435/>

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