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HEARINGS SET FOR PROPOSED PLANT IN CLARK COUNTY

Pioneer Energy seeking approval for generating facility near Trapp

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FRANKFORT – The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting has set the dates for its hearings on the proposal by Kentucky Pioneer Energy LLC to build a 540-megawatt plant on a site near Trapp in Clark County.

The plant would sell electricity on the open, wholesale market and be fueled by synthetic gas produced on-site from a mixture of coal and refuse-derived fuel, created by processing municipal solid waste.

A local public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 17, in the meeting room of the Clark County Cooperative Extension Service, 1400 Fortune Drive, in Winchester. Anyone wishing to comment on the Pioneer Energy proposal may do so at the hearing. Depending on the number of people wishing to speak, the length of oral comments may be limited in order to allow everyone to be heard. Written comments also will be accepted.

The formal evidentiary hearing in the case will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 6, at the offices of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort. Participation in the hearing is limited to the parties to the case, although the Siting Board may, at its discretion, allow additional public comments.

Maps and driving directions for the hearing locations, as well as the Pioneer Energy application and other documents in the case, are available on the Siting Board Web site:

http://psc.ky.gov/agencies/psc/siting_board/merchant.htm.

The case number for Pioneer Energy is 2002-00312.

Written comments also may be submitted to the Siting Board at: Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602.

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