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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE BILL 349 OF THE 2024 REGULAR SESSION**

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

Senate Bill 349 of the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

Senate Bill 349 is inconsistent with Kentucky's all-of-the above energy policy. I agree Kentucky must have energy reliability, and we should be cautious about decommissioning any means of energy production at a time when our economy is booming and our energy needs are growing. However, under this bill, utilities will experience inordinate delays in authorizing new generation, which will jeopardize economic development.

Further, the board created by Senate Bill 349 is unconstitutional for numerous reasons, such as including legislative appointments. Legislative Research Comm'n By and Through Prather v. Brown, 664 S.W.2d 907 (Ky. 1984).

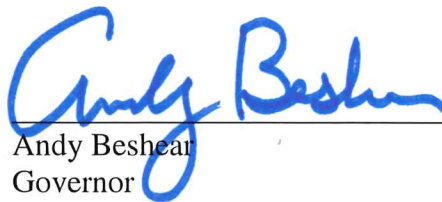
Numerous entities and organizations have expressed opposition to Senate Bill 349, including: Kentuckians for Affordable and Reliable Energy; the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste; United Way of Kentucky; the Nuclear Energy Institute; the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers; Greater Louisville Inc.; the Hazard-Perry County Economic Development Alliance; the Hazard Perry County Chamber of Commerce; Commerce Lexington; One East Kentucky; the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; the Northeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; Consumer Action for a Strong Economy; the President of the Kentucky Forum for Rights, Economics & Education; the Taxpayers Protection Alliance; the Executive Director of Power for Tomorrow; Costco Wholesale; and the Kentucky Solar Industries Association. The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet and the Public Service Commission have also expressed opposition.

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For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 349.

This, the 9th day of April, 2024.



Andy Beshear
Governor