

**Carbon Pricing in Organized Wholesale Electricity Markets** ) **Docket No. AD20-17-000**  
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serve our customers. The cost of energy is particularly important in areas that are experiencing economic hardships, such as in Kentucky Power's retail service territory. In evaluating carbon pricing and other mechanisms designed to incentivize the participation of renewable resources in organized markets, it is important to consider the impacts of such mechanisms on our customers. AEP recognizes and is committed to transformation to a greener economy; we cannot, however, overlook issues of cost and reliability as we realize this change. We must promote a diverse supply mix that can lower emissions while preserving cost and reliability goals.

Thank you for organizing this technical conference and for allowing me to participate.