

Thoroughbred Energy Campus Receives Order for Construction From Kentucky Siting Board

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The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting has issued an order approving construction of the proposed Thoroughbred Energy Campus in Muhlenberg County, Ky.

The board found that Thoroughbred "presented sufficient evidence to obtain a certificate to construct the facility." The order is subject to conditions that include resolution of transmission issues involving the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Thoroughbred is a planned 1,500 megawatt electric generation facility that would be fueled by 6 million tons of coal produced each year from a new adjacent underground mine. Thoroughbred is designed to provide low emissions electricity for families and industry and will be among the cleanest coal-fueled generating stations in the nation. Campus operations would annually inject about \$100 million into the Kentucky economy and would create approximately 450 skilled, permanent Kentucky jobs.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company, with 2002 sales of 198 million tons of coal and \$2.7 billion in revenues. Its coal products fuel more than 9 percent of all U.S. electricity generation and more than 2 percent of worldwide electricity generation.

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