

March 25, 2020



Dear East Kentucky Power Cooperative Supplier Partner:

On behalf of East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) and its 16 owner-member cooperatives, I am writing this urgent letter to make sure you know that EKPC is classified as a company that is essential to our nation's critical infrastructure.

EKPC plants and lines must operate in order for the co-op to transmit affordable, reliable power to distribution cooperatives serving more than 1.2 million people across 87 counties.

This letter is going to our suppliers as a reminder that it is vitally urgent that EKPC be granted priority status for all service and material orders. This is in accordance with guidelines on industries that are part of the nation's essential critical infrastructure, according to guidelines from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as well as state rules.

During a crisis such as the coronavirus pandemic, it is absolutely essential for Kentucky and the nation that the lights stay on and that EKPC's plants and transmission lines continue to operate. Our owner-members serve thousands of homes, businesses, hospitals and others in Kentucky.

With families and children sheltering in their homes, it is critical that our citizens have power for heat, cooking food and other necessities. Many are elderly and low-income people who depend on reliable power.

We greatly appreciate your assistance in making it a priority to service and supply EKPC so that we can continue generating and transmitting power to keep our segment of the nation's critical infrastructure in operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg Bray'.

Director of EKPC Supply Chain