EPIC Commission — Meeting Minutes

Kentucky Energy Planning and Inventory Commission (EPIC)

Date: Monday, August 24, 2026

Format: Two sessions recorded consecutively via Zoom — (1) Transmission Committee working session, and (2) EPIC Executive Committee meeting

Note: Several participants appeared under shared room-based Zoom accounts ("Truist Room," "Nucor Board Room") rather than individual names. Where the transcript makes a speaker's identity clear from context, that name is used below; otherwise the discussion is attributed generally to the group.

PART 1

Transmission Committee — Working Session

Attendees

- Eric — EPIC Executive Director (meeting host/facilitator)
- Brian Weisker
- Talina Mathews
- Matt Malone
- Suzanne Miles (Leader Miles)
- Todd Case
- Mary Beth (Purvis) — joined briefly
- Talina joined partway through; various others connecting/troubleshooting Zoom access at the start

Discussion Summary

Eric opened by framing the committee's task: the Transmission Committee sits at the intersection of the Demand and Supply committees' work. Neither demand forecasting nor generation-resource identification answers whether the transmission system can actually move power to where it is needed — this committee is responsible for identifying gaps and "seams" in the system as EPIC works toward a statewide view of energy supply, demand, and transmission.

The group discussed Kentucky's complex mix of grid operators and planning processes — MISO, PJM, TVA, and LG&E/KU (which sit outside an RTO and instead participate in the Southeast Regional Transmission Planning process, referred to as SERTP/SIRTEP, alongside Southern Company, Georgia Transmission Corporation, Duke Energy Carolinas, and others). Talina Mathews noted these three planning processes work very differently from one another.

Brian Weisker suggested the committee would benefit from an educational session — potentially a one-hour walkthrough — from in-house experts who work with MISO and PJM data, to help committee members and EPIC staff learn how to gather and interpret RTO data. There was general agreement this would be valuable.

Talina Mathews suggested reframing the committee's initial approach: rather than trying to predict where large loads will locate, it may be more productive to first identify existing bottlenecks/choke points in the transmission system and where upgrades would have the greatest impact. Eric noted SERTP has published a draft report identifying its own bottlenecks/constraints that could serve as a starting reference. Talina added that the committee's analysis will need to be GIS/map-based given how location-specific these issues are.

Suzanne Miles raised the example of Hancock County, where transmission capacity is available because a large industrial load that previously used it is gone — illustrating that existing capacity can be freed up as well as

constrained. Matt Malone noted that data centers tend to favor locations with abundant water access, which Kentucky has.

The group clarified that the committee's scope covers both electric transmission and gas pipeline transmission (Brian Weisker had assumed electric-only). Eric confirmed this falls under the broader "resource adequacy" umbrella, which also includes battery storage and other resources. Boardwalk Pipelines' "Project Borealis" — an initiative to increase gas transmission capacity from Ohio through Indiana and Kentucky — was noted as relevant, and Boardwalk has asked to present to the committee. EPIC currently holds 2025 pipeline capacity data but not yet 2026 data. The group also discussed that large-scale battery storage is still limited in Kentucky (a few PSC-approved pilot projects at LG&E/KU, and some behind-the-meter batteries paired with data centers/large loads, typically owned by the load rather than the utility).

Matt Malone shared context from a related case involving Texas and Tennessee gas transmission capacity, where utilities building new gas plants were competing to secure pipeline capacity while it was available, given uncertainty about future availability. Brian Weisker confirmed this matches his experience and tied it back to the rationale behind Project Borealis.

Eric proposed that the committee's near-term work should focus on assembling the various RTO/utility reports into an EPIC-wide perspective, and separately proposed briefing the full EPIC Board on TVA's, PJM's, and MISO's demand/supply/transmission forecasting processes — potentially as a multi-hour board session. Brian Weisker and Talina Mathews agreed this was a good starting point.

Action Items / Next Steps

Action / Decision	Owner	Timeline
Arrange an internal working session (~1 hour) with company experts on MISO and PJM data gathering, for the committee and EPIC staff	Brian Weisker (to identify presenter)	Not specified
Set up an introduction with MISO for the committee	Talina Mathews	Not specified
Continue existing dialogue with PJM through its subcommittee process	Eric	Ongoing
Raise Kentucky-specific transmission/bottleneck questions with TVA CEO Mike Skaggs during a scheduled meeting; explore bringing TVA into a future committee discussion	Eric	Next month
Compile electric transmission capacity data/presentation for the committee	Committee (Brian Weisker to help coordinate)	Not specified
Compile gas pipeline capacity data/presentation for the committee (including updated 2026 data)	Committee / Eric's team	Not specified
Consider inviting Boardwalk Pipelines to present on Project Borealis	Eric	Not specified
Plan a multi-hour board session covering TVA/PJM/MISO forecasting, supply, and transmission processes	Eric, in coordination with the Chair	To be scheduled

Announcements

- The next full EPIC Board meeting is scheduled for September 28, in person in Frankfort (location details, likely the Capitol Annex, to follow).
- The EPIC Chair expects to attend virtually due to a scheduling conflict (chairing another meeting out of state).
- CERC is scheduled to present to the full Board at that meeting.

PART 2