

# Trump administration terminates award for Kentucky carbon capture project



The sign outside one of the corporate offices for utility Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities. (Kentucky lantern photo)

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A federal award funding a collaboration between Kentucky’s largest utility, the University of Kentucky and other partners to implement a new system capturing greenhouse gas emissions is among two dozen energy-related awards the Trump administration terminated last week.

The \$72 million award terminated by the U.S. Department of Energy funded the testing of a carbon capture system on a natural gas-fired turbine operated by electric utility Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities at its Cane Run Generating Station in Jefferson County.

Carbon capture refers to technologies that seek to reduce climate-warming carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels by capturing and storing carbon dioxide before it’s released into the atmosphere. The utility described the project last year as an “important step in assessing the future

viability” of carbon capture technology for natural gas-fired power plants. LG&E and KU, which serves more than 1 million customers in the state, would have captured a portion of carbon dioxide emissions to be potentially reused by a nearby manufacturer, according to a press release.

Liz Pratt, a LG&E and KU spokesperson, in a statement said the utility was “disappointed” the award was terminated but remained “focused on driving innovation and important research and development in this space.”

“Together with our project partners, we will review our options for advancing this important research project,” Pratt said.

Among the other awards terminated Friday by the DOE included a number of other carbon capture and storage projects and a project by multinational alcoholic beverage company Diageo that sought to add batteries to decarbonize production facilities including in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright in a Friday statement said canceling the ap-

proximately \$3.7 billion in total awards was “in the best interest” of Americans.

“While the previous administration failed to conduct a thorough financial review before signing away billions of taxpayer dollars, the Trump administration is doing our due diligence to ensure we are utilizing taxpayer dollars to strengthen our national security, bolster affordable, reliable energy sources and advance projects that generate the highest possible return on investment,” Wright said in a statement.

Investment into carbon capture systems played a large role in the energy policy of the former Biden administration, which sought to require utilities with coal-fired power plants operating past 2039 to capture 90% of carbon dioxide emissions from the plants or have those plants retire by 2032. That carbon capture requirement also applied to new natural gas-fired power plants. The Trump administration has swiftly reversed course, reportedly planning to eliminate any caps on greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired and natural

gas-fired power plants.

Supporters of carbon capture technologies generally say it’s necessary in transitioning to clean energy and addressing industries that are hard to decarbonize, while skeptics, including environmentalists, question whether the technologies will allow for the further burning of fossil fuels.

Byron Gary, an attorney with the environmental legal organization Kentucky Resources Council, told the Lantern the award termination fits into the Trump administration’s “broader strategy” of “trying to undermine climate regulation.”

E&E News reported Friday that the Trump administration is expected to argue the U.S. power sector, a major contributor of greenhouse gas emissions, doesn’t contribute “significantly” to climate change.

Gary said while his organization would rather see investment into zero-emission renewable energy paired with utility-scale batteries, the award terminations appear to ensure carbon capture technology isn’t a “viable option” for the future.

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PUBLIC NOTICE The Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Board of Adjustment will meet in regular session at 7:00pm, Wednesday June 18, 2025 in the second-floor courtroom of the Jessamine County Courthouse located at 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. The agenda will be as follows:  
**Old Business**  
**Case #10026** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required front yard setback submitted by John Carroll for property zoned A-1 and located at 1700 Logana Road, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10104** - Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a 10,000 sqft Religious Center with space for prayer gathering, athletic and classroom facilities, and 100 parking spaces submitted by Vision Engineering on behalf of Bluegrass Educational and Social Services for property zoned A-1 and located at 6289 Harrodsburg Road, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10373** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required rear yard setback from 25' to 6' and the required front yard setback from 60' to 0' for an unpermitted structure submitted by Allen Reynolds for property zoned A-1 and located at 1301 West Lane, Jessamine County, Kentucky.

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**Case #10345** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required side yard setback from 25' to 4' and the required front yard setback from 60' to 45' for an unpermitted structure submitted by Christopher Noffsinger for property zoned A-1 and located at 1776 Keene-Troy Pike, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**New Business**  
**Case #10495** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required front yard setback from 60' to 25' for the alteration of an existing non-conforming structure submitted by Matt Long for property zoned A-1 and located at 1037 Mackey Pike, Jessamine County, Kentucky  
**Case #10507** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required side yard setback from 25' to 5' to build a detached garage submitted by Marshall Riddell for property zoned A-1 and located at 107 Lake Drive, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10509** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required left side-yard setback from 50' to 27' to build a commercial garage submitted by Tymofiy Matsenko for property zoned B-1 and located at 1570 Danville Loop 1 Road, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10511** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required front-yard setback from 60' to 42' to build a house submitted by Kevin and Mike Byers for property zoned A-1 and located at 3430 Union Mill Road, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10516** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required front-yard setback from 40' to 20' on a private road submitted by the United Methodist Retirement Community for property zoned P-1 and located approximately 0.15 miles south of the intersection of KY 29 and Veterans Drive, Jessamine County, Kentucky. PVA Parcel 023-00-00-043.03.  
**Case #10535** - Application for a Dimensional Variance to reduce the required rear yard setback from 50' to 0', reduce the required front-yard setback for signage from 150' to 37' and to allow an additional free-standing sign submitted by Chris Trower for property zoned B-1 and located at 101 Springdale Drive, Jessamine County, Kentucky.  
**Case #10537** - Application to Dimensional Variance to reduce the required left side yard setback from 15' to 5' for an unpermitted structure submitted by Enoch Jackson for property zoned A-1 and located at 319 Ethel Drive, Jessamine County, Kentucky.

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**BID SUBMITTAL**  
Offeror must submit their bids prior to 2:00 pm, Monday, June 16, 2025, at ShROUT Tate Wilson Consulting Engineers, 628 Winchester Road, Lexington, KY 40505.  
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**CASE NUMBER 25-P-160**  
  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-00161**  
  
NOTICE is hereby given that Jessica Perigo has qualified as Guardian of the estate of Travis Gilbert, of Jessamine County, Kentucky on May 8, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Jessica Perigo, 1800 E. Hickman Rd., Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than November 8, 2025.  
  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CASE NUMBER 25-P-155**  
  
NOTICE is hereby given that Melanie Kay Davis has qualified as Co-Executors of the estate of Clara B. Truitt, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on May 1, 2025. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Melanie Kay Davis, 131 Allison Circle, Nicholasville, KY 40356 and John Byron Davis, 136 Vincewood Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to their, attorney, Howard Downing, 109 So. First Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356 not later than November 1, 2025.  
  
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