

Community

Legislative Report by Aaron Thompson

The General Assembly will convene on Tuesday, January 6 at Noon, beginning a long 60 day legislative session. Lawmakers must complete all of their work by April 15, and if the past few months provide any inclination, they will hit the ground running. The budget will be the main item on the agenda, shaping much of the debate and decision making throughout the session. At the same time, we will address other important issues such as education policy, Medicaid, and a range of additional matters that impact families and communities across Kentucky.

Below is my 2026 Regular Session Legislative Questionnaire, which I hope you will take a few moments to complete. Please understand that I am not endorsing any of these proposals. Instead, the questions are based on proposals being discussed and issues considered during the interim. By sharing your opinions on these issues, you will help me better represent our district.

I hope you will take a few moments and complete this questionnaire and mail it to my Frankfort office at 702 Capital Avenue, Annex Room 324, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 or email it to me at Aaron.Thompson@kylegislature.gov.

House Majority Leadership  
2026 Regular Session Legislative  
Questionnaire

What is the most important issue the state legislature should address in the next session?

What specific policies or programs you would like the legislature to prioritize in 2026? Which of the following areas are your priority areas for state spending? Please select your top three.

☐ Jobs

☐ Education

☐ Opioid Epidemic

☐ Public Pension Liability

☐ Roads and Bridges (Infrastructure)

☐ Medicaid

☐ Public Health Programs (Excluding Med-

icaid)

☐ Public Safety (Law Enforcement)

☐ Other

Do you support the legislature’s work to eliminate the individual income tax gradually as economic and revenue triggers are met? The individual income tax has been cut by more than a third and will be lowered to 3.5% in January of 2026.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Undecided

Currently, school districts spend an average of almost \$20,000 per student in state, local, and federal funds. The budget legislators passed during the 2024 Regular Session included more than \$4.5 billion a year in funding for K-12 public education, a record high amount even after adjusting for inflation. Do you believe school districts are adequately funded?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Undecided

Kentucky’s public schools are administered by school districts that receive funding from the state, local, and federal government but led by local boards of education. Should there be a limit on how much education funding local boards can spend on central office staff and school administration?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Undecided

How satisfied are you with the overall quality of public education in Kentucky?

☐ Very satisfied

☐ Somewhat satisfied

☐ Neutral

☐ Somewhat dissatisfied

☐ Very dissatisfied

Would you support removing soft drinks and junk food from approved purchases with SNAP benefits, a program created to reduce hunger and food insecurity by helping low-income individuals and families afford nutritious food?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Undecided

Should Kentucky do more to help individuals transition from government assistance programs?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Undecided

9a. If yes, what would you suggest we look into

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR ABC LICENSE

2 Cousins Grill and Bar, 956 Townhill Plaza, Greenup KY 41144, hereby declares its intention to apply for NQ 2 Retail Drink and Special Sunday retail drink license no later than Nov. 17, 2025. The business to be licensed will be located at 956 Townhill Plaza, Greenup KY 41144, doing business as 2 Cousins Grill and Bar. The owners and principal officers are as follows: Robert Brown, County Road 18, South Point, Ohio 45680 and Veronica Hamm, 2795 Back Road, Franklin Furnace, Ohio 45629.. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the department of alcoholic beverage control, 500 Mero street2NE33, Frankfort, Ky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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REQUEST FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Ashland Regional Airport Board desires to secure the services of a qualified Consulting engineer for preparation of plans and projects included on the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP), as submitted to the FAA. These projects may include environmental assessments, master plans, land acquisition, runway, taxiway and apron expansions, pavement overlays, safety areas, lighting, fencing, navigational aids, fuel facilities, hangars, auto parking, road relocations and other airport improvements.

For further information and instructions to proposers, and to receive a copy of the Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP), please contact:

Mr. Brad McGinnis, Chairman  
Ashland Regional Airport Board  
501 Scott Street  
Worthington, Kentucky 41183  
Telephone: (606) 494-2034

The deadline for submitting Statements of Qualifications shall be 5:00 p.m., local time on December 26th, 2025. This information shall be submitted to the above address.

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Notice of Noncompliance

Pursuant to KRS 65A.040, the Kentucky Department for Local Government hereby gives public notice that as of December 2, 2025, Greenup County Environmental Commission is in violation of Kentucky Law for failure to comply with the reporting requirements of KRS 65A.020. The last known point of contact for Greenup County Environmental Commission is Benjamin Darling, who may be reached at (606) 585-0131 and/or PO BOX 471 RUSSELL, KY 41169. The last known Board Members are: Tony Wilson, Dustin Burchett, Samuel Simpson, Buford Hurley, Richie Blum, Richard Blevins. The district was noncompliant with FY2023 - Annual Audit, FY2024 - Annual Audit. The Auditor of Public Accounts has been notified and state funding for this entity will be withheld until further notice. Department for Local Government encourages this entity to comply with the law.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

City of Hamilton, Ohio and  
American Municipal Power, Inc.  
Project No. 2614-042

NOTICE OF APPLICATION READY FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS,  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND PRESCRIPTIONS

(November 14, 2025)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: New Major License
- b. Project No.: 2614-042
- c. Date filed: February 21, 2024
- d. Applicant: City of Hamilton, Ohio (City of Hamilton) and American Municipal Power, Inc. (American Power)
- e. Name of Project: Greenup Hydroelectric Project (Greenup Project)
- f. Location: The Greenup Project is located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ (Corps) Greenup Locks and Dam on the Ohio River near the Town of Franklin Furnace in Scioto Coun-ty, Ohio and Greenup County, Kentucky. The project occupies 12.74 acres of federal land administered by the Corps.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791 (a) – 825 (r)
- h. Applicant Contact: William C Hudson II, 345 High Street Suite 300, Hamilton, OH, 45011; (513)-785-7458; bill.hudson@hamilton-oh.gov.
- i. FERC Contact: Twyla Cheatwood at (202) 502-8066; or e-mail at twyla.cheatwood@ferc.gov.
- j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 13, 2026; reply comments are due on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 27, 2026. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission’s eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 10,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Greenup Hydroelectric Project (P-2614-042).

The Commission’s Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

- k. This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- l. The Greenup Project consist of the following existing facilities: (1) a 10-foot-long gravity dam extending between the project intake and the Corps’ Greenup Dam structure consisting of a short reinforced concrete overflow spillway section and sheet pile cells filled with concrete at an elevation of 517.0 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929; (2) a 125-foot-long, 145-foot-wide reinforced concrete intake forebay channel; (3) three 39-foot-wide intakes, each equipped with a trashrack having a 5.9-inch clear bar spacing; (4) a 190-foot-long, 145-foot-wide steel-plate powerhouse structure; (5) a 119-foot-high concrete access tower connecting the powerhouse to the riverbank by a reinforced concrete bridge; (6) three horizon-tal shaft bulb-type turbines and generators with a combined rated output of 70.27 megawatts; (7) a 125-foot-long, 145-foot-wide reinforced concrete tail-race; (8) a 4.45-mile-long, 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting a 138-kV substation at the powerhouse to the East Kentucky Power Cooperative’s Argentum 138/69-kV substation at the point of intercon-nect; and (9) appurtenant facilities. The project average annual generation between 2017 and 2021 was 263,596 megawatt-hours.
- m. City of Hamilton and American Power propose to continue to operate the Greenup Project in a run-of-release mode using flows released by the Corps and do not propose any new con-struction.
- n. A copy of the application is available for review via the Internet through the Commission’s Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov> , using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.
- o. All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title “COMMENTS,” “REPLY COMMENTS,” “RECOMMENDATIONS,” “TERMS AND CONDITIONS,” or “PRESCRIPTIONS,” (2) set forth in the heading the names of the applicants and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicants. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.
- p. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).
- q. You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.
- r. n. A license applicant must file the following on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time January 13, 2026: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,  
Secretary.

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