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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order in Case No. 2025-00257 scheduling a public comment meeting to be held on November 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, at the Pike County Public Library District, 126 Lee Avenue, Rooms 306-307, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, for the purpose of hearing public comments on Kentucky Power Company's application for adjustment of its electric rates and approval of certain regulatory and accounting treatments in Case No. 2025-00257. Additional public meetings in Hazard and Ashland will be held in December 2025 and January 2026, and will be noticed separately in advance of those meetings.

Social Security Matters

By Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – Consider the “Wearing Out” Factor While Deciding When to Claim Social Security

Dear Rusty: Enjoyed your recent article on claiming SS benefits. I feel, however, any decision making should also include what I call the “wearing out” factor. Yes, financial need, health, and longevity are definite criteria for a decision. The inevitable problem (I just turned 83) is the speed at which many of us descend down the back side of that hill after we hit around age 65. Yes, one might live to 85-90 but as you age after 65, many physical limitations begin to appear. Only then does one realize their earlier retirement decision (waiting to max out SS) might not have been honestly evaluated to the extent needed. I speak from experience: after having reached 60 in excellent health, I took early retirement from work, then Social Security at 62, and glad I did so. I figure the degree of slope on the backside of that “hill” will increase with age (it did quickly for me), so one best start enjoying a retirement life as soon as financially possible. Signed: Glad I claimed at 62

Dear Glad I Claimed at 62: Thank you very much for your excellent perspective on the “wearing out” factor. And please know that I wholeheartedly concur with your opinion

that waiting for a higher Social Security benefit is not always the most prudent choice. For perspective, however, we have found that far too many people claim Social Security as soon as they are eligible at 62 simply because “it is there,” without fully analyzing whether that is the best option considering their personal circumstances.

You are correct – enjoying your retirement life while you are still physically able is a valid consideration. And that is why we always suggest that evaluating both your financial needs as well as your health and life expectancy is important. Fulfilling one’s “bucket list” is, indeed, an important consideration and if claiming Social Security at age 62 (after evaluating all factors) enables one to do that, then that is exactly the right choice. It obviously was for you.

Age does, indeed, tend to slow us down, so if taking the SS money early means being able to enjoy life while you still can, then that is a good decision. But having more money as you age can also make your “golden years” a lot more comfortable.

As we have recently witnessed, inflation has an insidious way of reducing our financial comfort in retirement. Despite having a retirement pension from your primary

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working career, imagine how another 25% in your monthly Social Security payment (had you claimed at full retirement age instead of age 62) would help make your senior years more comfortable.

The fact is that no one can predict how long they will live nor whether they will do so in good health. All we can do is evaluate all our options under varying circumstances and make our claiming decision based on that analysis. And that is precisely what we advocate for at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Service. In no way did I intend to say that claiming at 62 was never the right choice; only that everyone should look at their complete personal circumstances when deciding when to.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
Permit No. 832-0069
Increment 84 & 94

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Southbound Coal, LLC, 12500 St. Rd. 124, Piketon, Ohio 45661, has applied for a Phase I bond release on increments 84 & 94, which was last issued on November 8, 2024. The application covers an area of approximately 368.85 acres located approximately 0.75 miles from the junction of KY. Rt. 706 & Burton Branch.

The bond now in effect for increment 84 is a cash bond in the amount of \$114,000.00, of which approximately 60 % is being proposed for release. The bond now in effect for increment 94 is a L.C. in the amount of \$75,000.00, of which approximately 60 % is being proposed for release

Reclamation work performed includes Grading, seeding, and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed in September of 2023.

Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by _December 30, 2025_____.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for __10:00__ am___. on _December 30, 2025__at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Field office, 556 Village Lane, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by __December 30, 2025.

Purple paint now warns against trespassing in Ky.

FROM OUTDOOR NEWS
– A new state law allows landowners to use purple paint to show their property is posted against trespassing.
Kentucky passed its Purple Paint Law in 2024 – requirements and specifics of the legislation are found in KRS 511.070. Violation of the law can result in a misdemeanor charge of second-degree criminal trespass.
Under the new law, purple paint applied to trees or fence posts serves as legal notice that entering the property without permission is prohibited. The purple paint marks must be vertical lines of not less than 8 inches in length and not less than 1 inch wide.
Purple marks must be 3-5 feet off the ground and placed

at locations readily visible to any person approaching the property. Marks must be placed at least every 100 feet on forested land and 1,000 feet on open land.
This law spares landowners the expense and nuisance of hanging multiple No Trespassing signs. Signs can be vandalized removed or blown away during storms. Applying purple paint makes a more permanent boundary marking and provides a continuous notice to those who may not see a posted sign.
If a Kentucky hunter sees purple marks on a tree or fence post, then they should not enter that property without permission.

(Submitted by Lanny Bolin)

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