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Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.  
Attention: Rocco O. D'Ascenzo  
139 East Fourth Street, Room 25 AT II  
P.O. Box 960  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-0960

Re: Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.  
Petition for Confidential Protection received 10-28-10  
PSC Reference: Case No. 2010-00203

Dear Mr. D'Ascenzo:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on October 28, 2010 on behalf of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Duke's Supplemental Response to MISO's Data Request 02-007 (c) and (d), and information committed to at the Technical Conference. The information is more particularly described as redacted portions containing work papers and CBM regarding generating stations performed in Kentucky analysis for market comparison, and how assets would be dispatched with realignment, as well as PJM analysis.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Duke's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

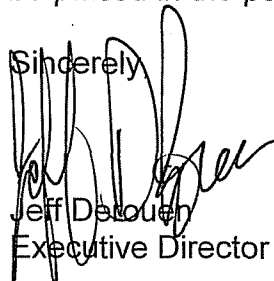
Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Duke's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for

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usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff DeLoach", is written over the typed name and title.

Jeff DeLoach  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record