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**VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL DELIVERY**

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Re: **Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc's 2010-2012 Back-Up Power Supply Plan**

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Pursuant to the directive set forth in the Kentucky Public Service Commission's ("Commission") December 22, 2009, Order in Case No. 2009-00429, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc ("Duke Energy Kentucky" or the "Company") hereby provides written notice of its intent to file for review and approval, a new back-up power supply plan (the "New Plan").

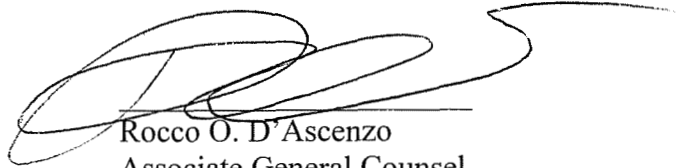
A back-up power supply plan is necessary in the event Duke Energy Kentucky experiences outages with its generating facilities. On November 3, 2009, in Case No. 2009-00429, Duke Energy Kentucky filed an application to approve its back-up power supply plan. By Order dated December 22, 2009, the Commission approved the current back-up power supply plan through December 31, 2012.

The Commission's December 22, 2009 Order, set forth a two-step procedural process regarding future back-up power supply plans. First, Duke Energy Kentucky is required to inform the Commission in writing of the Company's intentions concerning future back-up power supply plans six (6) months prior to the expiration of the current plan. Second, Duke Energy Kentucky is required to submit any future back-up power supply plans for review and approval, no later than 90 days prior to the effective date of the new plan.

Accordingly, Duke Energy Kentucky hereby notifies the Commission of the Company's intent to seek approval of a New Plan prior to the expiration of the current plan on December 31, 2012. Duke Energy Kentucky is evaluating possible enhancements to the current plan and intends the effective date of the New Plan to be

January 1, 2013. The Company will file its New Plan for review and approval no later than Monday, October 1, 2012 (90 days prior to the effective date of the New Plan).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rocco O. D'Ascenzo", written over a horizontal line.

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