COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY,) CASE NO. INC. TO AMEND ITS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT) 2015-00277 PROGRAM)

<u>O R D E R</u>

On August 17, 2015, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke Kentucky") filed an application, pursuant to KRS 278.285, requesting, among other things, approval to amend its Demand-Side Management ("DSM") programs and revised tariffs to recover costs associated with its DSM programs, including net lost revenues and program-related incentives. Duke Kentucky proposes that the revised DSM tariffs become effective September 14, 2014.

Based upon our initial review of Duke Kentucky's proposed tariffs as filed on August 17, 2015, the Commission finds that KRS 278.180(1) prohibits any change in rate except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Therefore, for new rate tariffs that are filed here on August 17, 2015, their earliest effective date is 30 days thereafter, which is September 16, 2015. The Commission further finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed DSM rates and the proposed amended DSM programs, and that investigation cannot be completed before the tariffs' earliest lawful effective date of September 16, 2015. Consequently, the proposed tariffs should be suspended for five months from that date, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2). IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Duke Kentucky's proposed DSM tariffs are suspended for five months from September 16, 2015, up to and including February 15, 2016.

2. Duke Kentucky's existing DSM programs and tariff shall remain in effect pending the Commission's final Order in this proceeding.

3. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

4. a. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with an original in paper medium and an electronic copy to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

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e. Any party filing testimony shall comply with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and shall file with the Commission an original in paper medium and an electronic copy.

f. Any party filing a document containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the document so that the personal information cannot be read.

5. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

6. Any person who submits a motion to intervene after September 15, 2015, and, upon a showing of good cause, is granted full intervention shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

7. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission ENTERED AUG 3 1 2015 KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2015-00277 DATED AUG 3 1 2015

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than09/15/2015
All initial requests for information to Duke Kentucky shall be filed no later than09/29/2015
Duke Kentucky shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than10/13/2015
All supplemental requests for information to Duke Kentucky shall be filed no later than10/27/2015
Duke Kentucky shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form, shall be filed no later than11/24/2015
If there are no Intervenors or no Intervenor testimony, Duke Kentucky shall file a request for either an evidentiary hearing or that the matter be decided upon the record no later than
If Intervenor testimony is filed, all requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than01/09/2016
Parties shall file a request for an evidentiary hearing no later than01/16/2016

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