### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY,	)
INC. FOR (1) A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	)
AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN	) CASE NO.
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE; (2)	) 2016-00152
REQUEST FOR ACCOUNTING TREATMENT;	)
AND (3) ALL OTHER NECESSARY WAIVERS,	)
APPROVALS, AND RELIEF	)

#### ORDER

On April 25, 2016, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke Kentucky") filed an application requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to upgrade its existing metering infrastructure by implementing a more advanced system of digital technologies throughout its entire service territory, including an Advanced Metering Infrastructure for its electric and combination electric and natural gas operations and an Automated Meter Reading infrastructure for its gas-only operations. Duke Kentucky also requests approval to establish depreciation rates for the new metering equipment and approval of the creation of a regulatory asset related to the retirement of existing electric metering equipment, associated inventory, and inventory of existing gas modules. Finally, Duke Kentucky requests any other waivers, approvals, and relief deemed necessary to implement the proposed metering upgrades and to achieve the anticipated functionality for remote meter reading and service orders.

Having reviewed Duke Kentucky's application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed metering upgrades and all other relief sought.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
- 2. 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 version to the Commission.
- b. Each response shall be answered under oath, or for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or 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. Any 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.

- e. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.
- Any party filing testimony shall file with the Commission an original in paper medium and an electronic version. The testimony filed in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed.
- 4. Duke Kentucky shall give notice of a formal hearing in accordance with the provisions as set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Duke Kentucky shall file a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.
- Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), the official record of the proceeding shall be by video only.
- At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.
- 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.
- 8. A person who submits a motion to intervene after May 16, 2016, and upon a showing of good cause is granted leave to intervene, shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.
- Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

**ENTERED** 

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Acting Executive Director

## **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2016-00152 DATED MAY 0 5 2016

Requests for intervention shall be filed by05/16/16
Initial requests for information to Duke Kentucky shall be filed no late than
Duke Kentucky shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than
Supplemental requests for information to Duke Kentucky shall be filed no later than
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 than
Requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than
Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purposes of cross-examination of witnesses of Duke Kentucky and Intervenors

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