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Mr. Jeff Derouen  
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211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40601

RE: *The Joint Application of Duke Energy Corporation, Cinergy Corp., Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., Diamond Acquisition Corporation and Progress Energy, Inc. for Approval of the Indirect Transfer of Control of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., Case No. 2011-00124*

Dear Mr. Derouen,

Enclosed, please find an original and ten copies of the Joint Applicants' supplemental direct testimony supporting the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement to be filed in the record of the above-captioned matter. Please return a file-stamped copy of the supplemental direct testimony to our office

Sincerely,



Mark David Goss

cc: Dennis Howard  
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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**THE JOINT APPLICATION OF DUKE )  
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CORP., DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., )  
DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC., )  
DIAMOND ACQUISITION CORPORATION, )  
AND PROGRESS ENERGY, INC., FOR )  
APPROVAL OF THE INDIRECT )  
TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF )  
DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. )**

**Case No. 2011-00124**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**

**WILLIAM D. JOHNSON**

**ON BEHALF OF**

**JOINT APPLICANTS**

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June 24, 2011

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 **A.** My name is William D. Johnson, and my business address is 411 Fayetteville Street Mall,  
3 P.O. Box 1551, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-1551.

4 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

5 **A.** I am employed as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Progress Energy,  
6 Inc. (“Progress Energy”).

7 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY OFFERED TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE?**

8 **A.** Yes. I offered direct testimony in support of the Joint Applicants’ application for  
9 approval of the indirect transfer of control of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (“Duke Energy  
10 Kentucky”) by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”). My  
11 testimony was attached as Exhibit K to the application and broadly covered three topics.  
12 First, I introduced Progress Energy to the Commission. Second, I explained the strategic  
13 rationale underlying the merger transaction. Third, I generally described what the new  
14 Duke Energy Corporation (“Duke Energy”) will look like once the merger transaction is  
15 completed.

16 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY IN THIS  
17 PROCEEDING?**

18 **A.** My testimony consists of two elements. First, I will describe the terms of the Stipulation  
19 and Settlement Agreement entered into by and between the Attorney General and the  
20 Joint Applicants. Second, I will describe why the merger transaction satisfies the  
21 standards of Kentucky law necessary for the approval of the indirect transfer of control of  
22 Duke Energy Kentucky.

1 I am also sponsoring the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement that was filed on  
2 June 24, 2011. I have personally reviewed the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement and  
3 aff<sup>r</sup> that it accurately reflects the agreement that the Joint Applicants have reached  
4 with the Attorney General.

## II. THE STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

5 **Q. PLEASE BROADLY DESCRIBE THE TERMS OF THE STIPULATION AND**  
6 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**

7 **A.** The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement is the product of much negotiation and  
8 compromise by the Joint Applicants and the Attorney General. We are appreciative of  
9 the Attorney General's willingness to view this case on its own facts and to fashion an  
10 agreement accordingly. We are also appreciative of the Commission Staff  
11 accommodating the parties by hosting two settlement conferences and providing helpful  
12 comment and insight into various issues in the case.

13 The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement provides for a base rate case stay out  
14 of two years, shareholder contributions to low income weatherization and local economic  
15 development, observance of forty-six (46) merger commitments to protect customers and  
16 approval of five affiliate agreements that give Duke Energy Kentucky appropriate and  
17 favorable access to the combined resources of the new Duke Energy.

18 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE RATE CASE STAY OUT PROVISION.**

19 **A.** Duke Energy Kentucky will not file an application to increase its base rates for either its  
20 electric or natural gas businesses for two years from the date of the Commission's entry  
21 of a final order approving the indirect transfer of control of Duke Energy Kentucky in

1 this case. Duke Energy Kentucky may file its notice of intent to file a base rate  
2 application sooner than two years from the date of the Commission's final order in this  
3 case, however. This commitment will become effective upon the Commission's approval  
4 of the Joint Applicants' application in this case and the Stipulation and Settlement  
5 Agreement. In the event the merger is not completed, the rate case stay out provision will  
6 no longer be effective.

7 Consistent with prior Commission orders, the base rate case stay out will not have  
8 any impact upon Duke Energy Kentucky with regard to rates in four other contexts as  
9 noted in the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. First, Duke Energy Kentucky may  
10 seek regulatory approval for the deferral of extraordinary and uncontrollable costs such as  
11 damages caused by ice storms or windstorms, but excluding any cost of the merger  
12 transaction such as transaction costs and management retention bonuses. Second, Duke  
13 Energy Kentucky may seek emergency rate relief under KRS 278.190(2) to avoid a  
14 material impairment of its credit or operations. Third, Duke Energy Kentucky may seek  
15 adjustments to the operation of any of its cost-recovery surcharge mechanisms such as  
16 the fuel adjustment clause, the demand side management rider or the gas cost recovery  
17 mechanism. Duke Energy Kentucky may implement any base rate roll-in which is part of  
18 the normal operation of such mechanisms. Finally, Duke Energy Kentucky may seek  
19 approval to establish and implement an environmental compliance plan and surcharge  
20 mechanism in accordance with KRS 278.183.

21 It has been approximately five years since Duke Energy Kentucky last increased  
22 its electric base rates and approximately two years have passed since its last increase in  
23 natural gas base rates. Given that Duke Energy Kentucky will only be able to file its rate

1 application on the second anniversary of the Commission's order in this proceeding, it  
2 will be approximately two and a half years from now before the next base rate increase  
3 could become effective for either the electric or natural gas business. Thus, the base rate  
4 case stay out provision will be beneficial for Duke Energy Kentucky's ratepayers. This  
5 will also give us an opportunity to work towards achieving some of the merger savings  
6 targets during the interim that will be reflected through normal ratemaking proceedings.

7 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WILL BE MADE TO**  
8 **SUPPORT LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE**  
9 **DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY SERVICE AREA.**

10 **A.** The Duke Energy Foundation ("Foundation") will make five (5) equal, annual  
11 contributions of \$115,000.00 – a total of \$575,000.00 – to support weatherization efforts  
12 within the Duke Energy Kentucky service area. On or before March 31 of each year, the  
13 Foundation will make its annual contribution to People Working Cooperatively, a non-  
14 profit organization that currently administers Duke Energy Kentucky's weatherization  
15 program, or to other non-profit organizations performing similar services. The recipients  
16 of the annual contributions shall be agreed upon in advance by the Attorney General and  
17 Duke Energy Kentucky with the intent to maximize the impact of the annual contribution.  
18 We want to be sure that as much of this funding goes directly to beneficiaries as is  
19 reasonably possible. To underscore that this provision of the Stipulation and Settlement  
20 Agreement is particularly beneficial to customers, I would point out that the Foundation's  
21 annual contribution will not be recovered through Duke Energy Kentucky's base rates or  
22 through its demand side management rider.



1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WILL BE MADE TO**  
2 **SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS WITHIN DUKE ENERGY**  
3 **KENTUCKY’S SERVICE AREA.**

4 **A.** The Duke Energy Foundation will make five (5) equal, annual contributions of  
5 \$50,000.00 – a total of \$250,000.00 – to support economic development opportunities  
6 within the Duke Energy Kentucky service area as part of the Stipulation and Settlement  
7 Agreement. As with the contributions to low income weatherization efforts, the  
8 economic development contributions will be made to one or more non-profit  
9 organizations that are engaged in economic development activities within the Duke  
10 Energy Kentucky service area. The recipient or recipients shall be agreed upon in  
11 advance by the Attorney General and Duke Energy Kentucky and the intent is to  
12 maximize the local impact of these contributions. Since the Foundation’s contribution  
13 will not be recovered through Duke Energy Kentucky’s base rates, this is another  
14 example of how Duke Energy Kentucky’s customers will benefit from the merger  
15 transaction.

16 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REGULATORY COMMITMENTS TO WHICH THE**  
17 **JOINT APPLICANTS HAVE AGREED TO BE BOUND.**

18 **A.** Julie Janson explained these in great detail in her direct testimony and covers them again  
19 in her supplemental testimony. Taken as a whole, these regulatory commitments provide  
20 the company with the flexibility that is necessary to pursue savings targets over time  
21 while at the same time affording a high level of security and stability for Duke Energy  
22 Kentucky’s ratepayers.

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THERE IS NO MERGER SAVINGS MECHANISM**  
2 **SET FORTH IN THE STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**

3 **A.** The facts of this particular transaction are unique and do not permit an immediate and  
4 quantifiable calculation of targeted merger savings following the completion of the  
5 proposed merger transaction. We have targeted merger savings to be recognized over  
6 time, but through the course of negotiations the Attorney General and the Joint  
7 Applicants agreed that the task of seeking to identify and quantify such savings in the  
8 short-term would be administratively burdensome and costly to the point of eroding the  
9 value of the savings. Accordingly, the parties agree that future savings arising from the  
10 merger transaction and inuring to the benefit of Duke Energy Kentucky will best be  
11 recognized for retail ratemaking purposes in future base rate case proceedings and that no  
12 merger savings mechanism should be implemented as part of the Commission's approval  
13 of the application.

14 I would also add that the exclusion of a merger savings mechanism is done solely  
15 in recognition of the unique facts of this merger transaction and not upon any particular  
16 interpretation of law by either the Attorney General or the Joint Applicants. The right of  
17 the Attorney General to request the implementation of reasonable merger savings  
18 mechanisms in future transfer of control cases is not limited by the terms of the  
19 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement.

20 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT**  
21 **AGREEMENT PRESENTS A FAIR, JUST AND REASONABLE RESOLUTION**  
22 **OF ALL THE ISSUES IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

1 A. Yes. The Joint Applicants' application and testimony identified several categories of  
2 benefits to customers arising out of this merger transaction. The Stipulation and  
3 Settlement Agreement preserves all of those benefits and adds to them in several  
4 meaningful ways. As I outlined above, Duke Energy Kentucky's customers will benefit  
5 from Duke Energy Kentucky's agreement to not seek an increase in base rates for either  
6 its electric or natural gas operations for two years from the date that the application for  
7 the indirect transfer of control of Duke Energy Kentucky is approved. In addition,  
8 shareholder contributions to low income weatherization and local economic development  
9 efforts within the local service area will also benefit customers. These contributions are  
10 wise investments in the community that build upon Duke Energy Kentucky's existing  
11 commitment to weatherization programs and economic development. Ratepayers will  
12 also be protected by the imposition of the regulatory commitments designed to safeguard  
13 Duke Energy Kentucky as a local utility while the affiliate agreements will allow  
14 customers to benefit from Duke Energy Kentucky's ability to tap into the resources of the  
15 combined companies. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement presents a very  
16 reasonable resolution to all of the issues in this case and provides a "win-win" situation  
17 for both customers and investors of Duke Energy Kentucky.

### III. DISCUSSION OF STATUTORY STANDARDS

18 Q. IN LIGHT OF THE STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT, ONCE THE MERGER  
19 TRANSACTION IS COMPLETED, WILL DUKE ENERGY CONTINUE TO  
20 HAVE THE FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL, AND MANAGERIAL ABILITIES

1           **NECESSARY FOR DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY TO PROVIDE REASONABLE**  
2           **SERVICE?**

3   **A.**    Yes. The Joint Applicants' application and testimony described the many ways in which  
4           both Duke Energy and Duke Energy Kentucky will continue to have the financial,  
5           technical and managerial abilities necessary for Duke Energy Kentucky to provide  
6           reasonable service after the merger is completed. We will have an extremely well-  
7           experienced and well-prepared management team to lead Duke Energy forward. As the  
8           largest utility in the United States, we will have better access to more resources and best  
9           practices. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement does not adversely impact any of  
10          those existing abilities.

11   **Q.    IN LIGHT OF THE STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT, WILL THE MERGER**  
12          **TRANSACTION BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW?**

13   **A.**    Yes. As outlined in Julie Janson's direct testimony, there are a number of regulatory  
14          approvals which we are currently seeking in order to be able to timely complete the  
15          merger transaction. The proceeding here in Kentucky is a good example of how  
16          stakeholders can identify and resolve issues quickly and effectively. The Stipulation and  
17          Settlement Agreement is also a good example of how each case must be considered in the  
18          context of the unique facts and issues applicable to each regulated company.

19   **Q.    IN LIGHT OF THE STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT, WILL THE MERGER**  
20          **TRANSACTION BE FOR A PROPER PURPOSE?**

21   **A.**    Yes. First, there will not be any adverse impacts to Duke Energy Kentucky or its  
22          stakeholders as a result of this merger. Second, the post-merger Duke Energy will retain  
23          its strong financial position allowing it to provide safe and reliable service to the

1 customers of Duke Energy Kentucky. Third, Duke Energy Kentucky will not incur any  
2 indebtedness or issue any securities to finance any part of the purchase price or  
3 transaction costs paid by Duke Energy in the merger with Progress Energy. Fourth, Duke  
4 Energy Kentucky's longstanding commitment to providing safe and reliable service to its  
5 Kentucky customers at just and reasonable rates will continue and be enhanced by  
6 becoming part of a larger and stronger entity that shares these principles. Fifth, Duke  
7 Energy Kentucky will continue to own and operate all of its electric and gas distribution  
8 and local transmission facilities just as before and it pledges to provide the same level of  
9 excellent service to its retail customers that it has historically achieved. Sixth, Duke  
10 Energy Kentucky's interests will be well represented in management. Seventh, the  
11 shareholder contributions outlined in the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are a  
12 direct investment in Duke Energy Kentucky's service area.

13 **Q. IN LIGHT OF THE STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT, IS THE MERGER**  
14 **TRANSACTION CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC INTEREST.**

15 **A.** Yes. I have been advised that in a prior transfer of control case involving Kentucky-  
16 American Water Company, Case No. 2006-00197, the Commission stated, "a proposed  
17 transfer is in the public interest if it will not adversely affect the existing level of utility  
18 service or rates or that any potentially adverse effects can be avoided through the  
19 Commission's imposition of reasonable conditions on the acquiring party." All of the  
20 testimony in this case points out that the existing level of utility service and rates for  
21 Duke Energy Kentucky will not be adversely impacted by the merger transaction, and  
22 therefore the merger transaction satisfies the requisite standard. The Joint Applicants'  
23 willingness to also agree to the regulatory commitments set forth in the Stipulation and

1 Settlement Agreement further demonstrates that this merger transaction is in the public  
2 interest.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

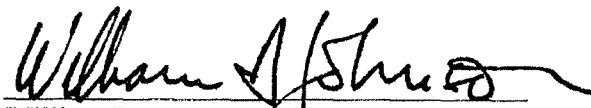
3 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

4 **A.** Yes. I would like to add that in the months since we filed our application for approval of  
5 the indirect transfer of control of Duke Energy Kentucky, the companies, the Attorney  
6 General and the Commission Staff have diligently engaged in a discussion of the unique  
7 issues of this case. Those discussions have resulted in the agreement reflected in the  
8 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. It is a reasonable settlement of the issues  
9 presented in this proceeding and will assure that the merger transaction satisfies all of the  
10 statutory standards for this case. On behalf of the Joint Applicants, we respectfully  
11 request the Commission to accept the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement and to  
12 approve the merger transaction resulting in the indirect transfer of control of Duke  
13 Energy Kentucky.

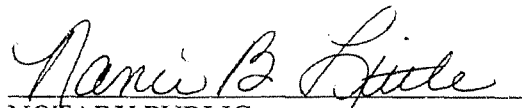
VERIFICATION

State of North Carolina )  
 ) SS:  
County of Wake )

The undersigned, William D. Johnson, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Progress Energy, Inc., and that the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

  
William D. Johnson, Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me by William D. Johnson on this 27 day of June, 2011.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: July 1, 2015





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**JULIA S. JANSON**

**ON BEHALF OF**

**JOINT APPLICANTS**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Julia S. Janson, and my business address is 139 East Fourth Street,  
3 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

4 **Q. ARE YOU THE JULIA S. JANSON WHO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED**  
5 **TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

6 A. Yes, I am.

7 **Q. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CHANGES TO YOUR EMPLOYMENT**  
8 **SUBSEQUENT TO THE FILING OF THAT DIRECT TESTIMONY ON**  
9 **APRIL 4, 2011 (THE “DIRECT TESTIMONY”)?**

10 A. No.

11 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT**  
12 **TESTIMONY?**

13 A. The purpose of my supplemental testimony is threefold. First, I support the  
14 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) reached in this  
15 case, and more specifically reaffirm the commitments made in my Direct  
16 Testimony and as listed in Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement. Second, I  
17 explain and support the additional major terms of Settlement Agreement. Third, I  
18 explain how this settlement is in the public interest.

## **II. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

1   **Q.   WHAT COMMITMENTS ARE JOINT APPLICANTS WILLING TO**  
2   **MAKE AS PART OF THIS MERGER?**

3   A.   The complete set of commitments relevant to the settlement of this case are set  
4       forth in Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement submitted in this proceeding and  
5       filed on June 24, 2011.

6   **Q.   PLEASE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE VARIOUS COMMITMENTS**  
7   **EMBODIED IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FILED IN THIS**  
8   **CASE.**

9   A.   Nearly all of the commitments in the Settlement Agreement are identical to those  
10       set forth in my Direct Testimony filed in this case. The commitments are based  
11       upon the commitments agreed upon as part of the merger of Duke Energy  
12       Corporation and Cinergy Corp., in 2006. Some minor changes from the Duke  
13       Energy-Cinergy merger are the result of clarifications made during discovery as  
14       well as during the settlement discussions in this case.

15  **Q.   PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE UPDATING CHANGES AND**  
16  **CLARIFICATIONS TO THE COMMITMENTS IN YOUR DIRECT**  
17  **TESTIMONY.**

18  A.   First, on several occasions, it was necessary to change the names of the parties to  
19       which the commitment applies. For instance, “Progress Energy” often replaces  
20       “Cinergy” within the new merger commitments. Likewise, “CG&E” in the Duke  
21       Energy-Cinergy merger is now “Duke Energy Ohio.” These changes are simply a

1 reflection of the fact that the parties to this merger transaction are different than  
2 the ones in the Duke Energy-Cinergy merger.

3 Second, consistent with my Direct Testimony, Duke Energy-Cinergy  
4 merger commitments 6, 29 and 46 were all deleted from the commitments set  
5 forth in Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement since they are no longer  
6 applicable or have been superseded.

7 Third, the original commitment number 12 set forth in my Direct  
8 Testimony has been subdivided into two separate commitments as paragraphs 11  
9 and 12 of Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement. The two commitments include:  
10 a) a commitment to implement and maintain cost allocation procedures that will  
11 accomplish the objective of preventing cross-subsidization; and b) a commitment  
12 providing for three biennial audits covering a period of at least six years. This  
13 subdivision allowed the Joint Applicants, Attorney General and the Commission  
14 to clarify that the commitment to prevent cross subsidization is an on-going  
15 commitment even though only three audits are mandated.

16 Fourth, commitment number 23 in both my Direct Testimony and in  
17 Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement has been revised to increase the frequency  
18 of filing reports relating to Duke Energy Kentucky's capital structure and a  
19 schedule of any capital contributions made to Duke Energy Kentucky from a  
20 quarterly basis to a monthly basis.

21 Fifth, commitment number 24 in my Direct Testimony, now renumbered  
22 as commitment 25 in Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement, has been amended  
23 to reflect the consolidation of two service companies, rather than the creation of a

1 new service company. As originally stated in the context of the Duke Energy-  
2 Cinergy merger, the commitment referred to the creation of a new service  
3 company, Duke Energy Business Services, LLC (“DEBS”). DEBS is the current  
4 service company of the Duke Energy family of companies. In the current  
5 transaction, it is anticipated that rather than create a new service company, that  
6 Progress Energy Service Company, LLC will be consolidated into DEBS at some  
7 future date. As a result, the commitment has been clarified to reflect the  
8 consolidation.

9 Sixth, commitment number 31 in Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement  
10 has been amended to clarify that it only applies to utility mergers, dispositions or  
11 acquisitions involving Duke Energy or a subsidiary thereof in the United States  
12 that is not subject to review under KRS 278.020(5)-(6). This clarification is  
13 consistent with the intent and practice of the current Duke Energy-Cinergy merger  
14 commitment number 31.

15 Finally, commitment number 36 has been amended due to a change in law  
16 since the time of the Duke Energy-Cinergy merger. Specifically, the original  
17 commitment required the filing of Form U5S and Form U-13-60 with the  
18 Commission. Since the repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of  
19 1935, these two reports are no longer prepared or filed with the Federal Energy  
20 Regulatory Commission. Under the new commitment, Duke Energy Kentucky  
21 will file its FERC Forms 1 and 2. The commitment regarding the filing of annual  
22 reports for Duke Energy, Cinergy, and Duke Energy Ohio and Duke Energy  
23 Kentucky will remain.

1 **Q. HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE THESE REGULATORY**  
2 **COMMITMENTS?**

3 A. All but two of these commitments are identical to, or relate to, commitments that  
4 were imposed as part of the Duke Energy-Cinergy merger. Given the obvious  
5 success of that merger both for customers and investors, there is a solid historical  
6 record that demonstrates that the merger commitments included within the  
7 Settlement Agreement are reasonable and effective. Apart from the substance of  
8 the commitments, the Settlement Agreement also makes clear that these  
9 commitments expressly supersede and replace any prior commitments arising  
10 from previous merger transactions. From a compliance standpoint, such a  
11 provision provides clarity for our companies, our customers and other  
12 stakeholders. This was the approach taken in the context of the Duke Energy-  
13 Cinergy merger and it has worked well.

14 **Q. ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL AND NEW COMMITMENTS THAT**  
15 **WERE MADE IN SETTLEMENT OF THIS MERGER?**

16 A. Yes.

17 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN.**

18 A. In the discovery phase of this proceeding, Joint Applicants agreed to review  
19 whether policies more sympathetic to low-income customers would be more  
20 appropriate. In addition, Joint Applicants commit that, to the extent applicable,  
21 practicable and reasonable, Duke Energy Kentucky will abide by regulatory  
22 conditions required by other jurisdictions in their approval of the merger between

1 Duke Energy and Progress Energy unless those regulatory conditions are adverse  
2 to the interests of Duke Energy Kentucky's ratepayers.

3 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION ASPECT**  
4 **OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**

5 A. Duke Energy Kentucky has committed additional funding to be directed toward  
6 low-income weatherization initiatives in the company's service territory.  
7 Specifically, the company has committed to provide \$115,000 a year for five  
8 years to support such programs through the Duke Energy Foundation. The funds  
9 will be administered by People Working Cooperatively of the Midwest, Inc.  
10 ("PWC") or another third-party administrator as is mutually agreeable to the  
11 Company and the Attorney General. The contribution will come from  
12 shareholder funds and will not be recovered from ratepayers through rates.

13 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHO PWC IS AND WHY THAT ORGANIZATION**  
14 **WAS CHOSEN AS A POTENTIAL RECIPIENT OF THE ANNUAL**  
15 **CONTRIBUTION FOR LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION FUNDING.**

16 A. PWC is currently administering Duke Energy Kentucky's low-income  
17 weatherization program. Making the additional contribution to PWC allows those  
18 dollars to be put to an efficient use with an existing vendor with a proven track  
19 record for providing quality low-income weatherization services in Northern  
20 Kentucky. PWC's Midwest operation is located in three states and 20 counties  
21 with an annual budget of \$14.5 million.

22 PWC has partnered with Duke Energy Kentucky and its predecessor,  
23 Union Light Heat & Power since 1986 to provide weatherization services. Since



1           2000, PWC has completed 3,840 service calls for Duke Energy’s low-income  
 2           weatherization customers. PWC has consistently provided quality work,  
 3           customer service, and met all reporting requirements as prescribed by Duke  
 4           Energy Kentucky. Currently, PWC provides low-income weatherization,  
 5           education, furnace and refrigerator replacement per the technical protocol  
 6           prescribed in the 2009 Statement of Work for Duke Energy Kentucky in the  
 7           Northern Kentucky area. PWC has a proven track record of providing low-  
 8           income weatherization services to Duke Energy Kentucky’s customers. Below is  
 9           a summary of the various services provided by PWC since 2000:

<b>Services within Kentucky 2000-2010</b>	
Energy Conservation/ Education	3,840
Plumbing	1,156
Furnace/ AC-Repair/ Replacement	685
Roofing & Gutters	442
Structural, Other	191
Electric	311
Accessibility	311
Volunteer Services	1,788
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,724</b>
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$7,234,611.00</b>
Total Value of Non-Duke Funds	\$2,780,586.00

1 PWC's staff of 120 is multi-skilled so that they are able to address any  
2 energy/home repair needs for the homeowners they serve. PWC provides a  
3 unique service for weatherization through a "Whole House Approach" that:

- 4 • Combines private and public funds to provide comprehensive  
5 energy conservation services to low-income homeowners in a  
6 cost-effective manner which results in energy savings for every  
7 home serviced; and  
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- 9 • Incorporates volunteer labor in the implementation of home  
10 maintenance and energy conservation practices. PWC has more  
11 than 6,000 volunteers.  
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13 Participants in the weatherization program benefit from the following services:

- 14 • Energy audits;
- 15 • Furnace cleaning and tuning;
- 16 • Carbon monoxide check;
- 17 • Installation of weatherization materials (when appropriate); and
- 18 • Compact fluorescent light bulbs.

19 The additional funding commitment will allow PWC to continue and  
20 expand its outreach in Duke Energy Kentucky's service territory. PWC is  
21 currently providing these services for Duke Energy Kentucky, thus, it is  
22 economical to use their services.

23 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE OTHER SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE**  
24 **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.**

25 A. Duke Energy Kentucky will provide funds to support economic development  
26 efforts in its service territory. Specifically, the Company has agreed to provide

1 \$50,000 a year for five years to a third party, not-for-profit organization that is  
2 mutually agreeable between Duke Energy Kentucky and the AG, to help foster  
3 economic development. These funds, like those for the low-income  
4 weatherization initiative, will not be charged to customers.

5 Also, Duke Energy Kentucky has agreed to a stay-out provision for its  
6 base rates supporting gas and electric operations for a two-year period. The two-  
7 year period begins upon the Commission's issuance of an Order approving the  
8 application in this case. The two-year stay-out would preclude Duke Energy  
9 Kentucky from filing any application for an increase in base rates during those  
10 two years, although the Company may file a notice of intent to file an application  
11 during that period. The stay-out does not apply to rider adjustments or the base-  
12 rate roll-in provisions for those riders such as fuel, demand side management, and  
13 gas cost recovery. Also, the stay-out would not preclude Duke Energy Kentucky  
14 from implementing an environmental surcharge mechanism as is permitted under  
15 Kentucky law. Additionally, the stay-out would not preclude Duke Energy  
16 Kentucky from requesting deferrals for extraordinary expenses, such as storm  
17 recovery or for requesting emergency rate relief, if necessary to avoid a material  
18 impairment to its credit or utility operations.

19 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE TERM OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**  
20 **RELATING TO THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF VARIOUS**  
21 **AFFILIATE AGREEMENTS.**

22 **A.** The Joint Applicants sought approval of five affiliate agreements as part of the  
23 application in this case and a revised version of one of those agreements – the

1 Utility Money Pool Agreement – was tendered to the Commission on April 28,  
2 2011. The Joint Applicants sought approval of these affiliate agreements because  
3 they add the Progress Energy companies as parties to the affiliate agreements.  
4 Mr. Wathen’s testimony elaborates on the purpose of each agreement and I would  
5 refer to his testimony for a more substantive explanation of the five affiliate  
6 agreements. As part of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, the parties  
7 have agreed that the affiliate agreements are reasonable, in accordance with  
8 Kentucky law and should be approved by the Commission.

**III. THE MERGER’S CONSISTENCY WITH KENTUCKY LAW**

9 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE WHY THIS MERGER IS IN THE BEST**  
10 **INTEREST OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY’S CUSTOMERS.**

11 A. As I stated in my Direct Testimony, this merger is about creating a company  
12 with the right size, scale and diversity to manage the transformation our industry  
13 is facing. Due to the geographical diversity of the Progress Energy utilities in  
14 relation to Duke Energy Kentucky, Duke Energy Kentucky will not see the  
15 immediate benefits of the merger that relate to joint dispatch and fuel  
16 procurement. However, the Settlement Agreement I have described today  
17 provides an immediate benefit to Duke Energy Kentucky customers.

18 In addition, going forward, the future efficiencies we expect to gain from  
19 this transaction, such as implementation of best practices and a strong financial  
20 position, will help Duke Energy Kentucky mitigate future rate increases as we  
21 reinvest in the business for the future. Our new combined company will  
22 continue the shared traditions of superior customer service, safety and reliability

1 that customers have come to expect, and will be better positioned for effective  
2 restoration response going forward.

3 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT DUKE ENERGY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE**  
4 **THE FINANCIAL, MANAGERIAL AND TECHNICAL ABILITY TO**  
5 **OWN AND OPERATE DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY AND PROVIDE**  
6 **REASONABLE SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS FOLLOWING THE**  
7 **COMPLETION OF THE MERGER?**

8 A. Absolutely. For all of the reasons that I have testified to earlier, this merger will  
9 have no adverse impact upon Duke Energy Kentucky, its customers, investors,  
10 employees or communities. More than that, however, this merger will provide  
11 Duke Energy Kentucky with a stronger financial balance sheet, stable earnings, a  
12 highly experienced leadership team and the ability to implement best-in-class  
13 practices in our operations and customer service. All of this will benefit our  
14 customers in the form of affordable rates, our investors in the form of consistent  
15 returns, our employees in the form of safe and desirable work environments and  
16 our communities in the form of greater investment and involvement. Duke  
17 Energy will clearly have the financial, managerial and technical ability to own  
18 and operate Duke Energy Kentucky and to provide reasonable service following  
19 the completion of the merger.

20 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE MERGER IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
21 **LAW, FOR A PROPER PURPOSE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE**  
22 **PUBLIC INTEREST?**

1 A. Yes. We are pursuing all of the required regulatory approvals and expect to  
2 timely complete that aspect of the merger process, so the merger is fully being  
3 conducted in accordance with law. The proposed merger will not adversely affect  
4 the existing level of utility service or rates of Duke Energy Kentucky's customers.  
5 Duke Energy will emerge from this transaction as a stronger utility with a size,  
6 scale and scope that is properly calibrated to meeting the challenges and  
7 opportunities confronting the utility industry today. As I have outlined, all of our  
8 stakeholders will benefit from this merger and for that reason the merger is being  
9 accomplished for a proper purpose. We will continue to provide safe and reliable  
10 gas and electric service to our customers at affordable rates. Over time,  
11 customers will benefit from improved service quality, enhanced service reliability  
12 and the availability of additional services. Therefore, the merger is consistent  
13 with the public interest.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

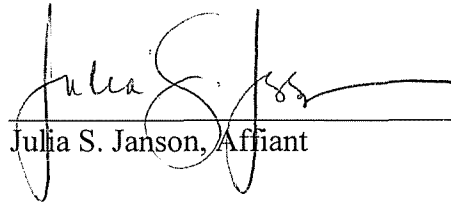
14 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY?**

A. Yes.

**VERIFICATION**

State of Ohio            )  
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County of Hamilton )

The undersigned, Julia S. Janson, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the President, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing supplemental testimony, and that the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge and belief.

  
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Julia S. Janson, Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Julia S. Janson on this 23<sup>d</sup> day of June 2011.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

**AMY BETH SPILLER, Attorney at Law**  
**Notary Public, State of Ohio**  
My Commission Expires: **My Commission Has No Expiration Date**  
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