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Duke Energy Business Services, LLC  
Attention: Rocco O. D'Ascenzo  
139 East Fourth Street, 1303 Main  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-0960

Re: Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.  
Petition for Confidential Protection received 7/1/11  
PSC Reference #: 2011-00235

Dear Mr. D'Ascenzo:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on July 1, 2011 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 2011 "IRP". The information is more particularly described as (1) O & M costs, projected fuel and environmental compliance costs, power market prices, emission allowances cost, energy efficiency program and avoided cost, projected capacity, and resource alternative capital costs; (2) projected sales and revenue requirements; (3) supply side screening curves and resource evaluations; and (4) critical transmission system maps.

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, and disclosure of infrastructure materials would present an unwarranted risk to Duke, as well as the general public.

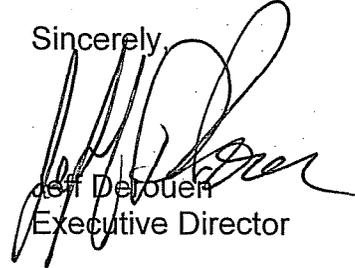
Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Duke's competitors,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

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part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for 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,



Jeff DeJouett  
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record