

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY)
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN ORDER)
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF)
UNSECURED DEBT AND LONG-TERM)
NOTES, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF) CASE NO. 2006-00563
LONG-TERM LOAN AGREEMENTS, AND USE)
OF INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT)
INSTRUMENTS)

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO
DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is requested to file with the Commission the original and 6 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due not later than 10 days from the date of this request. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Duke has requested approval to obtain either secured or unsecured debt in this application.

- a. Explain the criteria Duke will use to decide whether to use secured or unsecured debt.
- b. Provide an estimate of the cost difference between secured and unsecured debt for Duke.



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DATED March 2, 2007

cc: All Parties