COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| NOTICE OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. |) | |
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| OF FULFILLMENT OF ITS COMMITMENT TO |) | |
| PROVIDE MERGER CREDITS TO |) | CASE NO. |
| CUSTOMERS AND APPLICATION TO |) | 2009-00479 |
| SCONTINUE THE ELECTRIC MERGER |) | |
| SAVINGS RIDER |) | |

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL DATA REQUEST TO DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke Kentucky"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 10 days of the date of this request. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

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.

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

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

- 1. Provide a schedule which shows the following information for each month from May 2006 through December 2009:
- a. The amount of the merger savings credit in dollars per kWh for each tariffed customer class;
 - b. The total kWhs billed for each tariffed customer class;
- c. The total dollar amount of merger savings credits for each customer class, i.e., the product of the amount of the merger savings credit per class multiplied by kWhs billed per class; and
- d. The total dollar amount of the merger savings credit, i.e., the sum of the dollar amounts of merger savings credit for each tariffed customer class.
- 2. Provide a schedule which shows the dollar amount of merger savings credit by month from May 2006 through December 2009. Include the total of the monthly amounts for each calendar year.

3. Refer to the pending application, page 4. Explain why the stipulation entered into in the 2005 merger case provides that a total dollar amount of merger savings will be credited to ratepayers, whereas the merger savings credit tariff contains no such dollar amount, but, rather, states that the merger savings credit "shall remain in effect for 60 months or until the effective date of new rates established by the Company's next electric base rate case provided such date is later than January 1,

Jeff Derouen

Executive Director

Public Service Commission

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DATED: JAN 2 7 2010

cc: Parties of Record

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