

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF NATURAL GAS ) ADMINISTRATIVE  
RETAIL COMPETITION PROGRAMS ) CASE NO. 2010-00146

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST INFORMATION 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 10 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than July 29, 2010. 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. Refer to the Direct Testimony of B. Mitchell Martin (“Martin Testimony”), pages 5 and 6. Provide the details of the retail choice programs of Duke Energy Ohio (“Duke Ohio”). To the extent possible, compare the Duke Ohio programs to Columbia Gas of Kentucky’s retail choice program.

a. Have any small-volume customers contacted Duke Kentucky within the past five years expressing interest in having a choice in gas supplier? If yes, how many and over what period of time?

2. Why has Duke Kentucky not offered a retail choice program to small-volume customers similar to the Duke Ohio program?

3. Refer to the Martin Testimony, page 5, lines 8-10, wherein Mr. Martin states that Duke Kentucky “does not dispute that some customers may be willing to pay more for gas in exchange for the right to choose a supplier and to lock in a fixed commodity price for a period of time.” Explain whether any of the Duke companies have performed a survey addressing this issue and, if so, provide the name of the company that performed the survey, the date the survey was performed, and the results.



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