## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, ) INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC ) CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ) AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN )	CACENO
ACCELERATED SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT ) PROGRAM, APPROVAL OF OWNERSHIP OF ) SERVICE LINES, AND A GAS PIPELINE ) REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE	CASE NO. 2015-00210

## <u>ORDER</u>

On December 18, 2015, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke Kentucky") and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention ("AG"), (collectively, "the Parties") tendered a Stipulation and Recommendation ("Stipulation") to the Commission for its consideration and approval of their agreement to a mutually satisfactory resolution of all issues in the instant proceeding. On December 21, 2015, William Don Wathen Jr. ("Wathen"), a witness for Duke Kentucky, filed supplemental direct testimony, along with updated attachments thereto, for the purpose of explaining and supporting the Stipulation. On January 8, 2016, the Parties moved the Commission to excuse the appearance of certain Duke Kentucky witnesses in this proceeding, in light of the settlement of this case as set forth in the Stipulation. Specifically, the Parties stated that they have agreed to waive cross-examination of all witnesses except in support of the Stipulation or in the event the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Direct Testimony of William Don Wathen Jr., filed Aug. 24, 2015.

Stipulation is not approved by the Commission.<sup>2</sup> The Parties specifically requested that the Commission excuse the appearance of Roger A. Morin, Ph.D., and Edward A. McGee of Lummus Consultants International, and any other Duke Kentucky witnesses<sup>3</sup> the Commission or Staff do not wish to cross-examine at the hearing of this matter, scheduled for January 19, 2016.

Having considered the Parties' motion, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

- The Parties' motion to excuse Duke Kentucky's witnesses Roger A. Morin,
   Ph.D., and Edward A. McGee of Lummus Consultants International, as well as Charles
   R. Whitlock, Peggy A. Laub, and Gary Hebbeler from testifying at the scheduled
   January 19, 2016 hearing in this matter is granted.
- 2. Duke Kentucky witnesses Wathen and John A. Hill, Jr. shall appear at the scheduled January 19, 2016 hearing in this matter, for the purpose of cross-examination.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

<sup>2</sup> Stipulation at 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The AG did not file testimony in this matter.

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