COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UNSECURED DEBT AND LONG-TERM NOTES, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF LONG-TERM LOAN AGREEMENTS, AND USE OF INTEREST RATE MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENTS

CASE NO. 2020-00321

<u>O R D E R</u>

On September 28, 2020, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) tendered an application, pursuant to KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001 Sections 12 and 18, requesting authorization to issue securities in an amount up to \$250,000,000. The Commission notified Duke Kentucky by letter dated October 8, 2020, that its application was rejected for failure to satisfy the minimum filing requirements set forth in certain Commission regulations. Duke Kentucky subsequently cured the filing deficiencies and its application was deemed filed as of October 8, 2020.

The Commission finds that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Duke Kentucky's application. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

2. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed, with the original and an electronic version to the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an 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.

c. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

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

e. 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.

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f. Any party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

3. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a person seeking intervention must have an interest in the rates or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented or the issues and facts the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of electricity or gas consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule attached as an Appendix to this Order shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

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4. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency.

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Acting Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00321 DATED OCT 14 2020

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than	.10/16/2020
All requests for information to Duke Kentucky shall be filed no later than	10/23/2020
Duke Kentucky shall file responses to requests for information no later than	. 10/30/2020
All supplemental requests for information to Duke Kentucky shall be filed no later than	. 11/13/2020
Duke Kentucky shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	11/20/2020

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