

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOSEPH J. OKA)	
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COMPLAINANT)	
)	CASE NO.
V.)	2021-00324
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DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.)	
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DEFENDANT)	

COMMISSION STAFF’S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on October 29, 2021. The Commission directs Duke Kentucky to the Commission’s July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. 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. 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

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

preparer or the 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 Duke Kentucky obtains information that indicates 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 shall 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. When filing a paper containing personal information, Duke Kentucky shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Duke Kentucky's answer (Answer), Exhibit 1, pages 65–68, which contain Duke Kentucky's monthly bills to Joseph J. Oka for usage between June 22, 2021, and July 22, 2021.

a. State where on the monthly bill Duke Kentucky discloses how it calculated the net metering adjustment of -\$80.49.

b. If Duke Kentucky does not disclose how the net metering adjustment is calculated on monthly bills, explain why Duke Kentucky does not include this calculation on the monthly bill.

c. If Duke Kentucky does not disclose how the net metering adjustment is calculated on monthly bills, explain how Duke Kentucky notifies customers how the net metering adjustment is calculated.

d. Explain whether the Actual reading on July 22, and the Previous reading on June 22 and the Energy used all represent the net amounts after the kWhs generated by the customer have been subtracted. If so, explain how the customer will know the number of kWhs generated in each billing month and the number of kWhs carried forward from the previous month as an offset to current month consumption.

e. Provide a step-by-step explanation of how the -\$80.49 Net Metering Adjustment was calculated.

f. Provide a step-by-step explanation of how each of the tax adjustments was calculated.

g. Explain how each of the specific charges listed in the Billing Details – Electric portion of the bill is affected by the net metering adjustment.

2. Explain whether a net metering customer can see the kWhs of energy being consumed and the kWhs generated by the residential solar facility by accessing the customer's account via Duke Kentucky's website.

a. If the customer can view the amount of energy being consumed and exported on Duke Kentucky's website, state whether the data reflects a real time, hourly, or daily basis.

b. If the customer can view the amount of energy being consumed and exported on Duke Kentucky's website, describe and provide screen shots of the account information that can be seen or accessed via the website.

3. Explain whether a net metering customer's meter displays whether the customer is using more energy from the grid than produced,

4. Refer to Duke Kentucky's Answer, paragraph 2. Provide support for the 3,029 excess kWhs and explain how a customer is able to calculate this excess.

5. Refer to Duke Kentucky's Answer, paragraph 5. Provide the time line when all three elements of the improved customer experience upgrade will be complete.

6. Refer to Duke Kentucky's Answer, paragraph 6, which states that Mr. Oka receives a credit for a uniform gross receipts tax and franchise fees that Mr. Oka would otherwise have been charged.

a. Explain the basis for Duke Kentucky providing a credit for taxes and franchise fees.

b. If the referenced credit arises from the net metering adjustment, provide a citation to the section in Duke Kentucky's tariff that sets forth the calculation of the credit for taxes and franchise fees for net metering customers.

7. Refer to Duke Kentucky's Tariff, Sixth Revised Sheet No. 89, page 2 of 9. If Duke Kentucky calculates net metering billing as the difference between the amount of energy consumed and the total energy exported by eligible customer-generators over the billing period, explain how the uniform gross receipts tax and franchise fees are implicated by this calculation.

8. Confirm that Duke Kentucky nets the energy charge and any riders that are based on a per kWh charge against energy exported, pursuant to KRS 278.465(6). If this cannot be confirmed, explain in specific detail Duke Kentucky's methodology for net metering billing.



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