COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC 2021 INTEGRATED RESOURCECASE NO.PLAN OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.2021-00245

<u>ORDER</u>

A formal conference in the above-styled matter was held by video on April 28, 2022, at 3 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time to discuss the procedure for the May 17, 2022 hearing. At the formal conference, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) raised the possibility that certain witnesses that responded to few requests for information be excused or in the alternative that they be permitted to attend the hearing virtually to alleviate the cost of having them to travel for the hearing. It was noted that Duke Kentucky had approximately 25 witnesses that responded to requests for information but that many of the witnesses of responded to only a single request and only about five witnesses responded to more than five requests. No party objected to Duke Kentucky's witnesses attending the hearing virtually as requested by Duke Kentucky, though neither Duke Kentucky nor any party was prepared to identify specific witnesses whose testimony could be adopted by other witnesses or could otherwise be completely excused from attending the hearing.

Duke Kentucky indicated that it could file a motion by Wednesday, May 4, 2022, requesting that witnesses be permitted to attend the hearing virtually due to their limited participation in this matter or that witnesses be excused. No party objected to filing a response to such motion by May 5, 2022, to allow the Commission to rule quickly on Duke

Kentucky's motion. No party objected to filing any motion that counsel be permitted to attend virtually by May 4, 2022, and the Commission noted that any motion that counsel be permitted to appear *pro hac vice* should be filed before any motion that counsel be permitted to attend the hearing virtually.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Duke Kentucky shall file any motion requesting that witnesses be permitted to attend the hearing via video conference or that any witness be excused no later than May 4, 2022.

2. Any response to Duke Kentucky's motion requesting that witnesses be permitted to attend the hearing via video conference or that any witness be excused shall be filed no later than May 5, 2022.

3. Any motion that counsel be permitted to appear *pro hac vice* shall be filed no later than May 3, 2022.

4. Any motion that counsel be permitted to appear at the hearing via video conference shall be filed no later than May 4, 2022.

5. Nothing in this order shall be construed as preventing Duke Kentucky from requesting that a witness made available for examination at the May 17, 2022 hearing be excused.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

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