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June 10, 2008

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Parties of Record

RE:

Case No. 2008-00100 Informal Conference

June 5, 2008

Enclosed please find a memorandum that has been filed in the record of the above—referenced case. Any comments regarding the contents of the memorandum should be submitted to the Commission within seven days of receipt of this letter. Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to Mr. Jorge Valladares of the Commission Staff at 502-564-3940, Extension 424.

Sincerely 

Stephanie Stumbo

Executive Director

**Attachments** 



## **INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM**

## KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO:

File: Case No. 2008-000100

FROM:

Jorge Valladares, Team Leader

DATE:

June 6, 2008

RE:

Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. to Re-institute a Home Energy

Assistance Program

An Informal Conference ("IC") was conducted on June 4, 2008 at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky to discuss Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s ("Duke Kentucky") proposal to re-institute a Home Energy Assistance Program ("HEA"). In attendance were representatives of Duke Kentucky and Commission Staff. Representatives of Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission ("NKCAC") and the Office of the Attorney General ("AG") participated via telephone conference. An attendance list is attached hereto.

The purpose of the IC concerned the calculation of benefits to be paid out to qualifying customers, notification of continuation of the program, and an explanation of the administrative costs associated with the proposed program. Duke Kentucky agreed to respond to the following questions, which were raised at the IC.

- 1. What is the status of developing the bill credit formula?
- 2. What steps have been taken to ensure the HEA program is available in all counties?
- 3. Would an annual or periodic report be provided to the Commission which at a minimum would show collections (electric and gas), disbursements (electric and gas), and actual administrative costs? When would Duke suggest this report be submitted?
- 4. Assuming the Commission approved the proposed HEA program for 3 years:
- a. Would a proposal to continue or terminate the HEA program be submitted prior to the expiration of the program?
- b. Would an assessment report be prepared to evaluate the effectiveness of the HEA program?
- 5. Are there specific circumstances as to why the administrative costs for NKCAC are 15 percent?
- 6. Was the 15 percent level for administrative costs the result of negotiations between Duke and NKCAC?
- 7. Has Duke considered any additional support to the HEA program, in funds or in-kind support, beyond its additional contribution to WinterCare?

There being no other questions from any of the parties, the IC adjourned, with the agreement that Duke Kentucky would file supplemental responses to the above questions to the Commission no later than June 27, 2008.

cc: Parties of Record

Attachment: Sign-In Sheet

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY )
KENTUCKY, INC. TO RE-INSTITUTE A ) CASE NO. 2008-00100
HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM )

June 5, 2008 Informal Conference

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