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December 14, 2010

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
Attention: Rocco O. D'Ascenzo
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Re: Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
Petition for Confidential Protection received 11-19-10
PSC Reference: Case No. 2010-00203

Dear Mr. D'Ascenzo:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on November 19, 2010 on behalf of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Duke's Post-Hearing Brief. The information is more particularly described as an analysis of its generation portfolio including capacity and energy valuation in PJM, and assumptions of forward markets for capacity and energy.

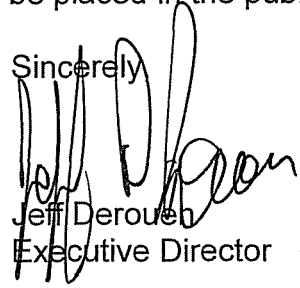
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Duke's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Duke's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record