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Re: Case No. 2010-00523; Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., for an Order Approving the Establishment of a Regulatory Asset Related to Voluntary Opportunity and Other Post-Retirement Expenses

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please accept this letter in response to the Commission's May 3, 2011, Order in the above-referenced case, wherein the Commission directed Duke Energy Kentucky to file a written request for a hearing or, in the alternative, to submit the case for a decision on the existing evidence of record.

Duke Energy Kentucky hereby notifies the Commission that the Company wishes to submit the case for a decision on the existing evidence of record without a hearing.

Respectfully submitted

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.

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