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October 13, 2011

Duke Energy Business Services, LLC
Attention: Rocco O. D'Ascenzo
139 East Fourth Street, 1303 Main
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-0960

Re: Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
Petition for Confidential Protection received 9/13/11
PSC Reference #: 2011-00249

Dear Mr. D'Ascenzo:

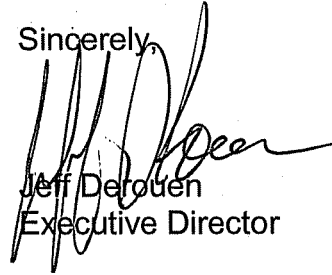
The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on September 13, 2011 on behalf of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., ("Duke"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Duke's Responses to Commission Data Request Nos. 15 and 19 dated August 23, 2011. The information is more particularly described as: (No. 15) – information including the recommended contract term coverage level strategy by year for Duke Energy Kentucky, Duke Energy Indiana and Duke Energy Carolinas; and (No. 19) – information including bid tabulations for coal vendors.

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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record