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Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
139 East Fourth Street
P. O. Box 960
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RE: Case No. 2014-00344
Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
(Financing - Up to \$25,000,000 Principal Amount of Capital Lease Obligations)

The Commission staff has reviewed the application in the above case and finds that it meets the minimum filing requirements and has been accepted for filing.

Enclosed please find a stamped filed copy of the first page of your filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Faulkner".

Linda Faulkner
Filings Division Director

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy)
Kentucky, Inc. for an Order to Enter into up to)
\$25,000,000 Principal Amount of Capital Lease) Case No. 2014- 00344
Obligations)

APPLICATION FOR CAPITAL LEASE AUTHORITY

Pursuant to KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001 Sections 12 and 18, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky) respectfully requests that the Commission authorize Duke Energy Kentucky to issue capital leases, and enter into all necessary agreements and other documents relating thereto, as more fully described herein. In support of this Application, Duke Energy Kentucky states as follows:

1. **807 KAR 5:001 Section 18(1)(a).** Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14(2), Duke Energy Kentucky is a Kentucky Corporation that was originally incorporated on March 20, 1901, is in good standing, and, as a public utility, as that term is defined in KRS 278.010(3), is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction. Duke Energy Kentucky is engaged in the business of providing retail gas and electric service to its customers in Northern Kentucky in various municipalities and unincorporated areas of Kenton, Campbell, Boone, Gallatin, Grant, and Pendleton Counties. Duke Energy Kentucky is thus subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction. Duke Energy Kentucky’s business address is 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. The Company’s local office in Kentucky is Duke Energy Envision Center, 4580 Olympic Boulevard Erlanger, Kentucky 41018. Duke Energy Kentucky’s email address is