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September 10, 2018

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PARTIES OF RECORD

RE: Case No. 2018-00261

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,

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

The Electronic Application of Duke) Energy Kentucky, Inc., for: 1) An) Adjustment of the Natural Gas Rates; 2)) Approval of a Decoupling Mechanism; 3)) Approval of New Tariffs; and 4) All) Other Required Approvals, Waivers, and) Relief.)

Case No. 2018-00261

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ADJUST NATURAL GAS RATES, APPROVAL OF A DECOUPLING MECHANISM, APPROVAL OF NEW TARIFFS, AND FOR ALL OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS, WAIVERS, AND RELIEF

Applicant, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company), pursuant to KRS 278.180, KRS 278.190, KRS 278.192, 807 KAR 5:001 Section 14 and Section 16, and other applicable law, hereby applies to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) for authority to adjust its natural gas rates, approval of new tariffs, including, but not limited to, establishment of a decoupling mechanism through a weather normalization adjustment (WNA), approval of new tariffs, and for all other required approvals, waivers, and relief (collectively this Application).

As set forth in the Company's Notice of Intent filed on August 1, 2018, in accordance with KRS 278.180(1), KRS 278.192, and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16(2), this Application is supported by a fully forecasted test period consisting of the twelve months ending March 31, 2020. The Notice of Intent was served upon the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Office of Rate Intervention. A copy of the Notice of Intent is attached hereto at Vol. 1, Tab 1 of the filing requirements: *Debbie Gates Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. 139 East Fourth Street Cincinnati, OH 45201

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