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Michael J. Schmitt, Chairman
Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Re: Support for Duke Energy Electric Transportation Pilot Program, Case No. 2019-00271

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

On behalf of the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), I am writing this letter to express our enthusiastic support for Duke Energy Kentucky's Electric Transportation Pilot Program. We respectfully request your approval of their application.

The pilot's purpose is to study the impact electric vehicles will have on the electric grid and how Duke Energy Kentucky can help prepare for their adoption. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Northern Kentucky's Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties, we support the pilot as it closely aligns with our federal mandate to wisely plan and invest in multimodal, surface transportation infrastructure. OKI embraces bold initiatives that explore tangible application of emerging technologies and innovative solutions to address critical regional transportation issues. As a non-attainment region, we embrace new opportunities such as those outlined in Duke's pilot to improve air quality and quality of life for our two million Tri-State residents. OKI has been laser-focused on transportation innovation, and electric vehicle technological advancements and consumer adoption is a prime importance to our region. Comprehensive factual data is critical to our planning and investment decisions, so that our communities are not left behind in the midst of this transportation revolution.

To date, OKI has already worked with Duke Energy Kentucky to map out potential fast charging locations. We have had discussions with Duke Energy Kentucky and other Northern Kentucky stakeholders regarding the potential economic development and mobility benefits this program could bring our members. The pilot will help our organization meet our needs and ultimately transform the future of transportation and air quality in the Northern Kentucky area.

As OKI's CEO, I firmly believe Duke's Pilot Program and collaboration will engage residents, businesses and visitors in a creative way that will bring economic vibrancy to our communities. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (mpolicinski@oki.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark R. Policinski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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