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Ms. Linda C. Bridwell, P.E.  
Executive Director  
Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
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Dear Ms. Bridwell,

Today I received the request from Duke Counselor L. Allyson Honaker, dated September 5, 2025, in my case against Duke, number 2024-00123. Please find attached, my response to their request, which I believe is complete and comprehensive. Note the further enclosure that is a retort to their question 10, essentially asserting a commercial sign presence.

I hope and trust the PSC will schedule a hearing regarding my case soon. Please also take note of my previous missive regarding the breadth of my complaint that was filed over gas and electric rates. Please revise your order to properly reflect both gas and electric rates in question and thus subject to review at the hearing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Sam Droganes  
ENCLOSURES

**CASE 2024-00123, RESPONSES TO DUKE ENERGY INITIAL DATA REQUESTS TENDERED 9-5-25**

**PLEASE NOTE: TWO CORRECTIONS OF INFORMATION ARE IN ORDER BEFORE RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FROM DUKE COUNSEL:**

- 1. My name is Sam Droganes, but misspelled in the document as Sam Drogranes.**
- 2. The address of the property in question is 207 Pike Street, not 407, as it is identified in the document.**

**With the understanding and agreement of above facts please accept the following in reply:**

- 1. Yes I am the owner of 207 Pike Street, Covington, Kentucky**
- 2. The building at 207 Pike Street, Covington, Kentucky has historically been a business on the first floor and residence on the second floor. Having been in my family since its construction in 1918, there was no electric to the building then, only gas service, which was billed for the entire building. At varying times since obtaining electric service, probably in the 1920's, there were one or two meters in use. In more modern times there were two electric meters, one for the former business on the first floor and one for the second floor, which previously was my sister's residence. About six years ago the Commonwealth of Kentucky, combined with the City of Covington forcibly closed our award-winning 80+ year old family business located on the first floor. I purchased the building from my mother in 2022, and my sister vacated the premises, whereupon I became owner and sole occupant. Less than a year later I sought to have the property properly classified as a residence, which it is. I went through all the proper procedures with Duke, before realizing that they were delaying everything in an apparent attempt to make more money from me. I finally tired of that and had the electric put on one meter for the entire building.**
- 3. The building was not rewired, per se, but yes now there is only one electric meter for the entire building and the necessary modifications were made to accommodate this.**
- 4. Again the building was not rewired, per se, but the work to remove one meter was performed about two years ago. Duke should have a record of this, as the bills for the previous meter ceased at that time.**
- 5. See answer four.**
- 6. The information to answer this question has been lost due to the amount of time passed. But the work was performed by a licensed electrician.**
- 7. Yes the second electric meter was removed from 207 Pike by the licensed electrician.**

8. Duke's electric meter is located on the premises here at 207 Pike, because when I called Duke they could not or would not inform me where to return or tender it, despite several calls to their company.
9. Yes I did inform Duke Energy that I was having the electric meter removed and closed out the account relating to same. Duke knows this, as the account was paid in full and had to be so. Duke should have records of when the account related to the removed meter was closed. I believe it to be about two years ago.
10. This question seeks confirmation of a "commercial sign" for the former business still located at 207 Pike Street. As such, no there is not a commercial sign on the property. Please see the attached definition, purpose and common types of commercial signs document. While there is an historical sign attached to the building, it is not a commercial sign. The sign, "Sam's Ice Cream And Candies" is historic in nature and the building in an historic district. Sam's Ice Cream and Candies has not been in operation for nearly 50 years, thus there is no commercial sign, according to any acceptable definition of the term.

A commercial sign is any sign, structure, display, or placard that directly or indirectly identifies a business, promotes a product or service, or draws attention to a commercial activity. These signs serve as a vital marketing tool for businesses to attract customers, convey information about their offerings, and build brand recognition. They come in various forms, such as billboards, channel letters, banners, monument signs, and digital displays, and can be found on buildings, freestanding structures, or in proximity to a business location.

## Purpose of Commercial Signs

- **Identification:**

Clearly marks a business's location and name for customers to find them easily.

- **Advertising:**

Promotes specific products, goods, or services to potential customers.

- **Branding:**

Creates a professional and trustworthy image for the business through consistent logos, colors, and graphics.

- **Information:**

Provides essential details like business hours, contact information, and service offerings.

## Common Types of Commercial Signs

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**Billboards:**

Large outdoor advertisements, often for promoting products or services over a wide area.

- **Storefront Signs:**

Signs attached to the exterior of a building to identify the business within.

- **Monument Signs:**

Freestanding signs detached from a building, typically with a solid, permanent base.

- **Channel Letters:**

Three-dimensional letters, often individually lit, used for prominent building identification.

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#### **Digital Signs:**

Electronic displays that can show dynamic content, such as promotions, events, or stock market quotes.

- **Banners:**

Flexible signs made from cloth or plastic, used for temporary promotions