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Re: Case No. 2025-00118
In the Matter of Stephanie Monette Smith v. Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

In accordance with the Commission's June 15, 2026 Order in this proceeding, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company) respectfully requests that the matter be submitted for decision based upon the existing evidentiary record. The deadlines for discovery have now passed and settlement discussions have not resulted in resolution thus far. Duke Energy Kentucky does not believe there is a need to conduct an evidentiary hearing in this proceeding and that the matter can now be decided by the Commission. If, however, the Commission determines a hearing should occur, Duke Energy Kentucky reserves its right to fully participate in such hearing.

I certify that the electronically filed document is a true and accurate copy of the original document and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copy of this filing will be made.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Larisa M. Vaysman

Larisa M. Vaysman

cc: Melissa R. Dixon (via email)