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November 28, 2006

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

RE: Case No. 2006-00470 Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.

I, Beth O'Donnell, Executive Director of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the addressee by U.S. Mail on November 28, 2006.

**Executive Director** 

BOD/sh Enclosure



#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS	)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF DUKE	)	
ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. F/K/A	)	CASE NO. 2006-00470
THE UNION LIGHT, HEAT AND	)	
POWER COMPANY	)	
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### ORDER

On December 22, 2005, in Case No. 2005-00042,<sup>1</sup> the Commission approved rates for The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") and provided for their further adjustment in accordance with ULH&P's gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause. On April 3, 2006, ULH&P changed its name to Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke").

On November 9, 2006, Duke filed its GCA to be effective November 29, 2006. Duke previously obtained Commission approval to file its GCA within 20 days of the proposed effective date.<sup>2</sup>

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Duke's notice includes rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2005-00042, Adjustment of the Gas Rates of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Case No. 2003-00386, The Application of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company for Authority to Make Monthly Adjustments to the Expected Gas Cost Component of Its Gas Cost Adjustment Rate, Order dated November 6, 2003.

- 2. Duke's Expected Gas Cost ("EGC") is \$9.374 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.3810 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$7.993.
- 3. Duke's notice sets out no current refund adjustment ("RA"). Duke's notice sets out a total RA of (.2) cent per Mcf, which is no change from its previous total RA.
- 4. Duke's notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment ("AA") of 3.9 cents per Mcf. Duke's notice sets out a total AA of 46.9 cents per Mcf, which is an increase of 5.2 cents per Mcf from its previous total AA.
- 5. Duke's notice sets out a current quarter balancing adjustment ("BA") of (5) cents per Mcf. Duke's notice sets out a total BA of .5 cent per Mcf, which is a decrease of 2.7 cents per Mcf from its previous total BA.
- 6. Duke's gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") is \$9.846 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.406 per Mcf from its previous GCR of \$8.440.
- 7. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for final meter readings by Duke on and after November 29, 2006.

### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for final meter readings on and after November 29, 2006.
- 2. Within 20 days from the date of this Order, Duke shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of November, 2006.

By the Commission

Executive Director

#### **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2006-00470 DATED November 28, 2006.

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

#### **GAS SERVICE RATES**

## RATE RS RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

	Base <u>Rate</u>	Gas Cost <u>Adjustment</u>	Total <u>Rate</u>		
Commodity Charge for All Ccf Consumed	\$.26687 plus	\$.9846	\$1.25147		
RATE GS GENERAL SERVICE					
	Base <u>Rate</u>	Gas Cost <u>Adjustment</u>	Total <u>Rate</u>		
Commodity Charge for All Ccf Consumed	\$.20949	\$.9846	\$1.19409		

# RIDER GCAT GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TRANSITION RIDER

The amount of this charge or (credit) shall be \$.04720 per 100 cubic feet. This rate shall be in effect during the months of December 2006 through February 2007 and shall be updated quarterly, concurrent with the Company's GCA filings.