## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY,)INC. FOR APPROVAL TO MODIFY AND)CASE NO.EXTEND THE AVAILABILITY OF ITS RATE)2008-00464RTP, REAL TIME PRICING PROGRAM)

## <u>order</u>

On November 6, 2008, Duke Energy Kentucky ("Duke Kentucky") filed an application requesting approval to modify and extend the availability of its Rate RTP Real Time Pricing Program ("Rate RTP"). The Rate RTP is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2008. Duke Kentucky requests authority to continue to offer Rate RTP to its customers through December 31, 2010.<sup>1</sup>

Rate RTP provides non-residential customers the opportunity to manage their electric costs by either shifting load from higher cost to lower cost pricing periods or adding new load during lower cost pricing periods, as well as learn about market pricing. Binding price quotes are sent to each participant on a day-ahead basis. The program is intended to be bill-neutral to each customer with respect to the customer's historical electric usage through the use of a Customer Baseline Load and Duke Kentucky's Standard Offer Rates. First offered on an experimental basis in January 1999, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2006-00172, Application of Union, Light, Heat and Power Company D/B/A Duke Energy Kentucky for an Adjustment of Electric Rates, Order dated December 21, 2006.

program is available to non-residential customers served under Rates DS, DP, DT, and TT. There are 7 customers presently being served under this rate.

Duke Kentucky states that Rate RTP has assisted in reducing its summer peak load. Duke Kentucky continues to evaluate the RTP program's cost-effectiveness and is considering various scenarios for the program in the future. It states that extending the current program will allow additional time to analyze future program offerings, to increase participation levels, and to prepare a future filing, should Duke Kentucky decide to modify Rate RTP. An extension will also provide the Commission more time to review such a filing.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Duke Kentucky's request to continue to offer its Rate RTP tariff through December 31, 2010 is reasonable and should be approved.

The Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Duke Kentucky's request to continue to offer its Rate RTP for two additional years, through December 31, 2010, is approved.

2. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Duke Kentucky shall file a revised tariff sheet for its Rate RTP with an effective date of January 1, 2009 and stating that it was issued by authority of this Order.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of December, 2008.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

K-Executive Director

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