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RE: Case No. 2008-00503

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.

(Financing)

The Commission staff has reviewed Duke Energy Kentucky Inc.'s application in the above case and finds that it meets the minimum filing requirements. Enclosed please find a stamped filed copy of the first page of your filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, place contact my staff at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for an Order Authorizing the Issuance of Unsecured Debt and Long-Term Notes, Execution and Delivery of Long-Term Loan Agreements, and Use of Interest Rate Management Instruments.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Case No. 2008-_____00503

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APPLICATION

Pursuant to KRS 278.300 and 807 KAR 5:001 Sections 8 and 11, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke Energy Kentucky") respectfully requests that the Commission authorize Duke Energy Kentucky to issue securities, assume obligations and enter into all necessary agreements relating thereto, to issue and sell up to \$100 million principal amount, consisting of long-term debt that Duke Energy Kentucky may elect to issue pursuant to: (1) the Indenture between The Union Light, Heat and Power Company (n/k/a Duke Energy Kentucky) and Deutsche Bank Trust Company dated as of December 1, 2004, or any amendments thereto ("the Deutsche Bank Indenture"); (2) the Indenture between The Union Light, Heat and Power Company (n/k/a Duke Energy Kentucky) and The Fifth Third Bank (succeeded by The Bank of New York) dated July 1, 1995, or any amendments thereto ("the BONY Indenture"); or (3) other long-term debt, including conversion of short-term borrowings into long-term debt.

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