

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY )	
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO )	CASE NO.
BID ON A FRANCHISE TO SERVE THE CITY OF )	2022-00157
SILVER GROVE, KENTUCKY )	

ORDER

On June 27, 2022, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) filed its application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to authorize it to bid on a franchise offered by the city of Silver Grove, Kentucky, for electric transmission and distribution service. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(5), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a CPCN from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

In light of the city of Silver Grove's ordinance creating a franchise for electric transmission and distribution service, the Commission determines that there is evidence of a need and demand for electric transmission and distribution service in the above-mentioned city. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the qualifications of the bidder, the validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by said city, or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

The Commission directs Duke Kentucky to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Duke Kentucky is granted a CPCN that authorizes it to bid on a franchise offered by the city of Silver Grove, Kentucky, for electric transmission and distribution service.

2. If Duke Kentucky is not the successful bidder, Duke Kentucky shall file with the Commission, within ten days of the award of the franchise at issue, a written notice stating that Duke Kentucky was not the successful bidder.

3. If Duke Kentucky is the successful bidder, Duke Kentucky shall file with the Commission, within ten days of the award of the franchise at issue, a copy of the executed franchise agreement and a statement disclosing the amount of the initial franchise fee.

4. If Duke Kentucky is the successful bidder, Duke Kentucky shall file with the Commission, within ten days of an increase or decrease in the amount of the initial franchise fee set forth in the franchise agreement, documentation setting forth the revised fee.

5. Any documents filed pursuant to ordering paragraphs 2, 3, or 4 of this Order shall reference the number of this case and shall be electronically submitted via the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System.

6. This Order shall not be construed as granting a CPCN to construct utility facilities in said city.

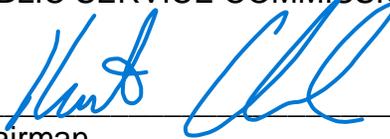
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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

7. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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