

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY)	CASE NO.
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO)	2023-00413
RIDER NM RATES AND FOR TARIFF APPROVAL)	

ORDER

On December 11, 2023,¹ Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) tendered an application to revise its current Net Metering Rider tariff and rename it “Net Metering I Rider” and remove the interconnection guidelines from the rider. Additionally, Duke Kentucky seeks Commission approval for two new tariffs, Rider Net Metering II, and Interconnection. Duke Kentucky proposed an effective date of January 11, 2024. However, the effective date must be at least 30 days from the filing date, making January 19, 2024, the earliest possible effective date.

KRS 278.030 provides that a utility may collect fair, just and reasonable rates and that the service it provides must be adequate, efficient and reasonable. Having reviewed the proposed tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and that such investigation cannot be completed by January 19, 2024. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will, therefore, suspend the effective date of the proposed tariff for five months, up to and including June 18, 2024.

¹ A deficiency letter was issued on December 14, 2023, and again on December 19, 2023. Duke Kentucky resolved the deficiency on the December 19, 2023, and the application was deemed filed.

The Commission directs Duke Kentucky to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085² in which the Commission mandated the use of electronic filing procedures listed in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. The Commission finds that electronic filing procedures is used, consistent with the filing procedures set forth in Case No. 2020-00085.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established to review the reasonableness of the proposed tariff. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order.

The Commission reminds the parties that, pursuant to the final Order in Case No. 2019-00256,³ the record of that case is incorporated into this matter.

Additionally, any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

² 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).

³ Case No. 2019-00256, *Electronic Consideration of the Implementation of the Net Metering Act* (Ky. PSC Dec. 18, 2019), Order, ordering paragraph 1 at 35.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed tariff.

2. Duke Kentucky's proposed tariff is suspended for five months from January 19, 2024, up to and including June 18, 2024.

3. The record in Case No. 2019-00256 is incorporated by reference into this matter.

4. Duke Kentucky shall, by counsel, enter an appearance in this proceeding within seven days of the date of service of this Order. The entry of appearance shall include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and electronic mail address of counsel.

5. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to service and electronic filing of papers shall be followed in this proceeding.

6. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(9), within seven days of the date of service of this Order, Duke Kentucky shall file by electronic means a written statement that it waives any right to service of Commission Orders by United States mail and that it or its authorized agent possess the facilities to receive electronic submissions.

7. Unless a party granted leave to intervene states its objection to the use of electronic filing procedures in a motion for intervention, the party shall:

a. Be deemed to have consented to the use of electronic filing procedures and the service of all papers, including Orders of the Commission, by electronic means; and

b. Within seven days of the date of service of an order of the Commission granting intervention, file with the Commission a written statement that:

(1) It or its authorized agent possesses the facilities to receive electronic transmissions; and

(2) Sets forth the electronic mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding shall be served.

8. If a party objects to the use of electronic filing procedures and the Commission determines that good cause exists to excuse that party from the use of electronic filing procedures, service of documents on that party and by that party shall be made in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(8).

9. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

10. Duke Kentucky shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

11. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding, which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts the person

will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding the potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

12. Any motion to intervene after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

13. Duke Kentucky shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). In addition, the notice of the hearing shall include the following statements: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov" and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Duke Kentucky shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

14. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

15. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

16. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

17. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

18. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of times with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

19. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman



Vice Chairman



Commissioner



ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2023-00413 DATED JAN 05 2024

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than 01/17/2024

Initial requests for information to Duke Kentucky
shall be filed no later than 01/19/2024

Duke Kentucky shall file responses to
initial requests for information no later than.....02/02/2024

All supplemental requests for information to Duke Kentucky
shall be filed no later than 02/21/2024

Duke Kentucky shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than03/06/2024

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than.... 03/13/2024

All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than..... 03/22/2024

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than..... 04/05/2024

Duke Kentucky shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal
testimony no later than.....04/17/2024

Duke Kentucky or any Intervenor shall request either a
hearing or that the case be submitted for decision
based on the record no later than.....04/24/2024

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