

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)	
CONVERT ITS WET FLUE GAS)	
DESULFURIZATION SYSTEM FROM A)	
QUICKLIME REAGENT PROCESS TO A)	CASE NO.
LIMESTONE REAGENT HANDLING SYSTEM AT)	2025-00002
ITS EAST BEND GENERATING STATION AND)	
FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS)	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR)	
RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL)	
SURCHARGE MECHANISM)	

ORDER

On January 28, 2025, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) filed an application for an order approving a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the construction and conversion of its existing Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization from a quicklime handling process to a limestone handling process to continue to meet existing environmental regulations, (Limestone Conversion Project), amendment of Duke Kentucky's Environmental Compliance Plan to include the Limestone Conversion Project, and recovery of the Limestone Conversion Project costs through the Environmental Surcharge Mechanism (ESM), pursuant to KRS 278.020(1), KRS 278.183, and 807 KAR 5:001 Sections 14 and 15.

Pursuant to KRS 278.183(4), the costs associated with the Commission retaining an independent consultant shall be paid by the applicant and be included as financial costs in the ESM surcharge. In the procedural Order issued on February 4, 2025, the

Commission has established a procedure for Duke Kentucky to reimburse the Commission for the expense of the consultant.¹

The Commission finds that Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC (Vantage) submitted an invoice for consulting services for February 1, 2025, through February 28, 2025. The invoice is attached as an Appendix to this Order. Pursuant to KRS 278.183(4), Duke Kentucky should remit payment for the amount of the invoice within 30 days of the date of service of this Order by check payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer and mailed or delivered to the Office of the General Counsel, Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

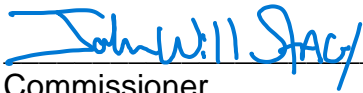
1. Duke Kentucky shall remit payment to the Commission for Vantage's services rendered as a consultant to the Commission for the period from February 1, 2025, through February 28, 2025.
2. Duke Kentucky shall remit payment within 30 days of the date of service of this Order.
3. The payment shall be a check made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer that is delivered or postmarked and mailed to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602- 0615, before the deadline.
4. Duke Kentucky shall file notice of payment into the record.

¹ Order (Ky. PSC Feb. 4, 2025) at 2-4, ordering paragraph 5.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman

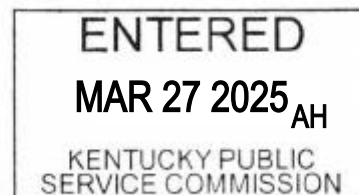

Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00002 DATED MAR 27 2025

EIGHT PAGES TO FOLLOW

INVOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES
FOR : VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC
FED TAX ID # 27-2585037

INVOICE DATE: 2/28/2025
INVOICE #: 20250287
INVOICE PERIOD: 2/01/2025-2/28/2025
PROJECT NAME: KPSC-DEK 2025-00002
VANTAGE PROJECT #: 2025-87
Document ID #: PON2 123 2400002509 3

FIRM INVOICED: KPSC/DEK

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
2025-0002 DEK ECP Assessment

CONSULTANT	MONTH	HOURS WORKED	HOURLY RATE	BILLABLE FEES	BILLABLE EXPENSES	PERIOD AMOUNT	TOTALS
Mike Boismenu	2/01/2025-2/28/2025	16	\$255	\$4,080.00	\$0.00	\$4,080.00	\$4,080.00
Walt Drabinski	2/01/2025-2/28/2025	12	\$240	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$2,880.00	\$2,880.00
Charles Buechel	2/01/2025-2/28/2025	12	\$240	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$2,880.00	\$2,880.00
Scott Evermgam	2/01/2025-2/28/2025	10	\$240	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Jean Gormley	2/01/2025-2/28/2025	10	\$135	\$1,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
SUB TOTALS		60		\$13,590.00	\$0.00	\$13,590.00	

TOTAL FEES \$13,590.00

TOTAL PERSONAL EXPENSES \$0.00

OVERNIGHT MAIL \$0.00

COPYING - Black/White \$0.00

COPYING - Color \$0.00

MISCELLANEOUS

TOTAL February 2025 MONTHLY INVOICE AMOUNT \$13,590.00

Previous

Expenditures February 2025 \$13,590.00

Cumulative expenditures billed to date (February 2024) \$13,590.00

The information provided in the above Invoice is believed to be accurate. Should any questions or discrepancies arise, please call or write to the following billing address.

PLEASE REMIT TO:
Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC.
1609 Carrera Dr
Lady Lake, FL 32159
Attn: Jean A. Gormley
305-744-3440

PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT INVOICE FORM
GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Pursuant to KRS 45A.695, **no payment shall be made on any personal service contract** unless the individual, firm, partnership, or corporation awarded the personal service contract submits its invoice for payment on a form established by the committee.

Invoices shall be submitted every ninety (90) days, unless the personal service contract specifies a different submission time period.

Separate invoices shall be submitted for each distinct matter covered by the personal service contract, and shall be signed by the individual responsible for that matter

The issuance of an invoice to the Commonwealth constitutes an affirmation by the individual, firm, partnership, or corporation awarded the personal service contract that the invoice truly and accurately represents work actually performed, and the expenses actually incurred.

The head of the contracting body shall approve the invoice, indicating that the charges in the invoice reflect the value of the work performed, and all recorded costs and disbursements were reasonably and necessarily incurred in connection with the matter invoiced.

NOTE: All questions must be answered fully. If the space provided is insufficient, additional pages should be attached referencing the specifically numbered item. Any questions regarding the invoice requirements should be directed to the contracting agency.

Contract Number: PON2 123 2400002509 3 **Date of Invoice:** 02/28/2025

The Commonwealth of Kentucky
Contracting Body

Energy & Environment Cabinet/Public Service Comm.
Division, Branch, etc.

1. Name & Address of Contractor:

Vantage Energy Consulting LLC
1609 Carrera Drive
Lady Lake, FL 32159

2. Contractor's Tax I.D. Number: 27-2585037

3. Effective Period of Contract:

Starting Date: 7/1/2024

Ending Date: 6 / 3 0 / 2 0 2 6

4. Combined Total Amount Charged in this

Invoice for Services and Reimbursable

Disbursements: 13,590.00

5. Dates of Service Covered under this invoice:

Starting Date: 01/01/2025

Ending Date: 01/31/2025

6. Is this the FINAL invoice for services performed under this contract:

☐ Yes ☒ No

7. Date of most recent invoice submitted prior to this invoice: na

8. How often is the contractor required to submit invoices under the terms of the personal service contract:

Monthly

9. Provide a description of the matter covered by this invoice:

2025-0002 DEK ECP Assessment

10. Provide a full description of each service provided, including the date each service was performed, the name and title of each individual who worked on the matter, and the time the individual spent on the matter:

See attached T&E's for each Vantage Consultant

11. Provide the hourly rate for each individual working on the matter and the total charge for that individual for each matter involved:

See attached T&E for each Vantage Consultant and Invoice

12. Provide the subject matter and recipient of any correspondence:

Invoice submitted to Stephanie Schweighardt

13. Provide a full description of any work product produced, designating the way in which the work product is associated with the matter being invoiced. (Attorneys Billing for Legal Services: If you contend that any information is subject to privilege, please identify the privileged item, and provide sufficient information to evaluate the claim of privilege):

Please see attached T&Es for each Vantage Consultant

14. Provide an itemized list of all disbursements to be reimbursed by the state for each matter invoiced and the total charge for that matter:

See attached Invoice

SIGNATURES:

Contractor: 

Date: 2-28-2025

Title: CEO

Contracting Body

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: Mike Boismenu				Client: Duke Energy Kentucky East Bend Generating Station WFGD Conversion - Case No. 2025-00002							Month: Feb-25			
Consultant Number 1059				Project Number: 2025-87										
Hourly Rate: \$255				EXPENSES							Expense		Labor	
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@ \$68.5	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Totals	Hours	Fees	
1											0.00		\$0	
2											0.00		\$0	
3											0.00		\$0	
4											0.00		\$0	
5											0.00		\$0	
6											0.00		\$0	
7											0.00		\$0	
8											0.00		\$0	
9											0.00	4	\$1,020	
10											0.00	2	\$510	
11	Review DEK East Bend Revised Application										0.00	2	\$510	
12	Review DEK East Bend Revised Application										0.00		\$0	
13	Review DEK East Bend Revised Application										0.00		\$0	
14											0.00		\$0	
15											0.00		\$0	
16											0.00		\$0	
17											0.00		\$0	
18											0.00		\$0	
19											0.00		\$0	
20											0.00		\$0	
21											0.00		\$0	
22											0.00		\$0	
23											0.00		\$0	
24											0.00		\$0	
25											0.00		\$0	
26											0.00		\$0	
27	Prepare DEK East Bend Revised Application Data Requests										0.00	4	\$1,020	
28	Prepare DEK East Bend Revised Application Data Requests										0.00	4	\$1,020	
29											0.00		\$0	
30											0.00		\$0	
31											0.00		\$0	
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	16.0	\$4,080.00	
NOTES:											Total T&E: \$4,080.00			
_____ Signature											_____ Date			

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: Walter Drabinski		Client: KPSC-Duke 2025-00002								Month: Feb-25			
Consultant Number: 1001		VEC Project Number: 2025-87											
Hourly Rate: \$240		EXPENSES									Expense		
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$.55	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Totals	Hours	Fees
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3											0.00		\$0
4											0.00		\$0
5	Review files and testimony										0.00	2	\$480
6											0.00		\$0
7											0.00		\$0
8											0.00		\$0
9											0.00		\$0
10											0.00		\$0
11											0.00		\$0
12	VEC Team meeting, DR prep and review										0.00	2	\$480
13											0.00		\$0
14	SC DR review										0.00	2	\$480
15											0.00		\$0
16											0.00		\$0
17											0.00		\$0
18											0.00		\$0
19											0.00		\$0
20											0.00		\$0
21											0.00		\$0
22											0.00		\$0
23	DR compel & rev										0.00	2	\$480
24											0.00		\$0
25	Rev DEK DR1 responses										0.00	2	\$480
26											0.00		\$0
27											0.00		\$0
28	SC DR review mod										0.00	2	\$480
29											0.00		\$0
30											0.00		\$0
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12.0	\$2,880.00

NOTES:

Total T&E: **\$2,880.00**

Walt Drabinski
 Signature

2/28/2025
 Date

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: Chuck Buechel		Client: KyPSC- DUKE-2025-00002	Month: Feb-25
Consultant Number: 1021		Project Number: 2025-87	

Hourly Rate: \$240		EXPENSES									Expense Totals	Hours	Fees
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$.58	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner			
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3											0.00		\$0
4											0.00		\$0
5	Began review of re-filing										0.00	2	\$480
6											0.00		\$0
7											0.00		\$0
8											0.00		\$0
9											0.00		\$0
10											0.00		\$0
11											0.00		\$0
12	Cont'd review of filing; prepared data requests										0.00	4	\$960
13											0.00		\$0
14											0.00		\$0
15											0.00		\$0
16											0.00		\$0
17											0.00		\$0
18	Reviewed SC DRs for overlap w/Vantage DRs										0.00	2	\$480
19											0.00		\$0
20											0.00		\$0
21											0.00		\$0
22											0.00		\$0
23											0.00		\$0
24											0.00		\$0
25											0.00		\$0
26	Reviewed Duke confidential responses										0.00	2	\$480
27											0.00		\$0
28	Prepared DRs										0.00	2	\$480
29											0.00		\$0
30											0.00		\$0
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	12.0	\$2,880.00

NOTES:	Total T&E: \$2,880.00
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VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: R.S. Everngam	Client: DEKC	Month: Feb-25
Consultant Number: 1072	Project Number: 2025-87	

Hourly Rate: \$240		EXPENSES									Expense Totals	Hours	Fees
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$.54	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner			
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3											0.00		\$0
4											0.00		\$0
5											0.00		\$0
6											0.00		\$0
7											0.00		\$0
8											0.00		\$0
9											0.00		\$0
10											0.00		\$0
11	VEC team meeting/Review Application										0.00	2.0	\$480
12	Review confidential testimony/VEC emails										0.00	2.0	\$480
13	Review testimony / Draft & review 1st DRs										0.00	2.0	\$480
14											0.00		\$0
15											0.00		\$0
16											0.00		\$0
17											0.00		\$0
18											0.00		\$0
19	Draft & review 2nd DRs Staff & Sierra Club										0.00	1.0	\$240
20											0.00		\$0
21											0.00		\$0
22											0.00		\$0
23											0.00		\$0
24											0.00		\$0
25											0.00		\$0
26	Prepare issues for 3/4 meeting w/KYPSC										0.00	1.0	\$240
27											0.00		\$0
28	Prepare & review 2nd DRs & issues list										0.00	2.0	\$480
29											0.00		\$0
30											0.00		\$0
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	10.0	\$2,400.00

NOTES:	Total T&E: \$2,400.00
<i>R. Scott Everngam</i> _____ Signature	3/5/2025 _____ Date

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: Jean Gormley			Client: KPSC-Duke 2025-00002								Month: Feb-25		
Consultant Number: 1071			VEC Project Number: 2025-87										
Hourly Rate: \$135		EXPENSES									Expense		
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$.55	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Totals	Hours	Fees
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3											0.00		\$0
4	File Admin										0.00	1	\$135
5											0.00		\$0
6											0.00		\$0
7											0.00		\$0
8											0.00		\$0
9											0.00		\$0
10											0.00		\$0
11	DR admin, sched., VEC Team 02 meeting										0.00	3	\$405
12	case admin										0.00	1	\$135
13	Dr Admin										0.00	2	\$270
14											0.00		\$0
15											0.00		\$0
16											0.00		\$0
17											0.00		\$0
18	admin										0.00	1	\$135
19											0.00		\$0
20											0.00		\$0
21											0.00		\$0
22											0.00		\$0
23											0.00		\$0
24											0.00		\$0
25											0.00		\$0
26	File admin										0.00	1	\$135
27											0.00		\$0
28	admin										0.00	1	\$135
29											0.00		\$0
30											0.00		\$0
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	10.0	\$1,350.00

NOTES:

Total T&E: **\$1,350.00**

Jean Gormley

 Signature

2/28/2025

 Date

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