

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)
LIMESTONE REAGENT HANDLING SYSTEM AT)
ITS EAST BEND GENERATING STATION AND)
FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS)
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR)
RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL)
SURCHARGE MECHANISM)

CASE NO.
2025-00002

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 retaining an independent consultant shall be paid by the applicant and be included as financial costs in the ESM surcharge.

The Commission finds that Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC (Vantage) submitted an invoice for consulting services for May 1, 2025, through May 31, 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 May 1, 2025, through May 31, 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 as 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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman



Vice Chairman

Commissioner



ATTEST:


Executive Director



APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00002 DATED JUN 24 2025

SEVEN PAGES TO FOLLOW

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:** 5/31/2025

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: 3000.00

5. Dates of Service Covered under this invoice:

Starting Date: 05/01/2025 ____
Ending Date: 05/31/2025 ____

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

____ Yes **X** _No

7. Date of most recent invoice submitted prior to this invoice: 04/30/2025

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: 5-31-2025

Title: CEO VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING LLC

Contracting Body

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

INVOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES

FOR : VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC

FED TAX ID # 27-2585037

INVOICE DATE: 5/31/2025
 INVOICE #: 20250587
 INVOICE PERIOD: 5/01/2025-5/31/2025
 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 | 5/01/2025-5/31/2025 | 4 | \$255 | \$1,020.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,020.00 | \$1,020.00 |
| Walt Drabinski | 5/01/2025-5/31/2025 | 4 | \$240 | \$960.00 | \$0.00 | \$960.00 | \$960.00 |
| Charles Buechel | 5/01/2025-5/31/2025 | 0 | \$240 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Scott Everngam | 5/01/2025-5/31/2025 | 2 | \$240 | \$480.00 | \$0.00 | \$480.00 | \$480.00 |
| Jean Gormley | 5/01/2025-5/31/2025 | 4 | \$135 | \$540.00 | \$0.00 | \$540.00 | \$540.00 |
| SUB TOTALS | | 14 | | \$3,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,000.00 | |

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| TOTAL FEES | \$3,000.00 |
| TOTAL PERSONAL EXPENSES | \$0.00 |
| OVERNIGHT MAIL | \$0.00 |
| COPYING - Black/White | \$0.00 |
| COPYING - Color | \$0.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | |

TOTAL May 2025 MONTHLY INVOICE AMOUNT **\$3,000.00**

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| Previous | |
| Expenditures February 2025 | \$13,590.00 |
| Expenditures March 2025 | \$12,990.00 |
| Expenditures April 2025 | \$8,205.00 |
| Expenditures May 2025 | \$3,000.00 |
| Cumulative expenditures billed to date (February-May 2025) | \$37,785.00 |

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

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

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| Consultant Name: Walter Drabinski | Client: KPSC-Duke 2025-00002 | Month: May-25 |
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| Consultant Number: 1001 | VEC Project Number: 2025-87 |
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| 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 | Pre-hearing Document Review inc testimony | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 2 | \$480 |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 5 | Pre-hearing meeting w staff pre and post | | | | | | | | | | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 13 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | 4.0 | \$960.00 |

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| NOTES: | Total T&E: \$960.00 |
| <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> <i>Walter P Drabinski</i> Signature </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> 5/31/2025 Date </div> | |

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

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| Consultant Name: R.S. Everngam | Client: KPSC-Duke 2025-00002 | Month: May-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 | DEKC-002 Pre-hearing meeting w/PSC Staff | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 1.0 | \$240 |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 7 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
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| 12 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 13 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 14 | Review DEKC-002 withdrawal notice/emails | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 1.0 | \$240 |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
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| 17 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
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| TOTALS: | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 2.0 | \$480.00 |

NOTES: Total T&E: \$480.00

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R. Scott Everngam

 Signature

6/1/2025

 Date

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

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| Consultant Name: Jean Gormley | Client: KPSC-Duke 2025-00002 | Month: May-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 | Prehearing and Record Admin | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 2 | \$270 |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
| 5 | Prehearing meeting pre and post | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 2 | \$270 |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | | \$0 |
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| TOTALS: | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 4.0 | \$540.00 |

NOTES:

Total T&E: **\$540.00**

 Jean Gormley
 Signature

 5/31/2025
 Date

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