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**Re: Case No. 2025-00118**  
In the Matter of Stephanie Monette Smith v. Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

In accordance with the Commission's February 23, 2026 Order in this proceeding, today is the deadline for parties to either request a hearing or to request that the matter be submitted for decision based upon the existing evidentiary record.<sup>1</sup> Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company) and the Complainant, Ms. Smith, filed a joint motion on April 17, 2026, requesting amendment of the procedural schedule to permit additional time for settlement discussions (Joint Motion).<sup>2</sup> The Commission has not yet ruled on the Joint Motion, which remains pending. Accordingly, to comply with the current procedural schedule, Duke Energy Kentucky submits this letter.

Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Joint Motion, but if the Commission declines to do so, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the matter be submitted for decision based upon the existing evidentiary record. The deadlines for discovery have now passed. As such, Duke Energy Kentucky does not believe there is a need to conduct an evidentiary hearing in this proceeding and that the matter can now be decided by the Commission. If, however, the Commission determines a hearing should occur, Duke Energy Kentucky reserves its right to fully participate in such hearing.

I certify that the electronically filed document is a true and accurate copy of the original document and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from

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<sup>1</sup> Order, Appendix A (Ky. P.S.C. Feb. 23, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> Joint Motion to Amend the Procedural Schedule and Request for Expedited Treatment of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. and Stephanie Monette Smith (Apr. 17, 2026).

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participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copy of this filing will be made.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s/Larisa M. Vaysman*

Larisa M. Vaysman

cc: Melissa R. Dixon (via email)