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Duke Energy Kentucky Attention: Rocco D. Ascenzo 139 E. Fourth Street 1303 Main Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-0960

Re:

Duke Energy Kentucky

Petition for Confidential Treatment received 3/11/11 PSC Reference – Administrative Case No. 387

Dear Mr. Ascenzo:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on March 11, 2011 on behalf of Duke Energy Kentucky to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as a portion of the information contained in Duke's Annual Responses to the Commission's Order in Administrative Case No. 387. The information is more particularly described as follows: demand forecasts and case demands for the most recent year and for the following four years; and scheduled outages and retirements of generating capacity during the current year and the following four years.

Your justification for having the Commission grant this material confidential protection is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors, allowing them to potentially manipulate market prices and cause ratepayers to pay more for electricity.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined as follows:

(1) The demand forecasts and case demands does not meet the criteria for confidential protection and is hereby **DENIED**. This information is required to be filed with the Commission, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:058, Sections 7 and 8, in an Integrated Resource



Plan and was filed by Duke Kentucky without confidential protection in Case No. 2008-00248.

(2) The schedule of outages and retirements of generating capacity does meet the criteria for confidential protection and is hereby **GRANTED**.

The information that has been granted confidential protection will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Duke Energy Kentucky is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

The information denied confidentiality will be withheld from public inspection for 20 days from the date of this letter. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may seek rehearing with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this letter under the provisions of KRS 278.400

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cc: Parties of Record