

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)	CASE NO.
CONSTRUCT GAS DISTRIBUTION LINES IN)	2026-00114
CAMPBELL, PENDLETON, AND BRACKEN)	
COUNTIES, KENTUCKY, AND OTHER GENERAL)	
RELIEF)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on July 14, 2026. The Commission directs Duke Kentucky to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the

¹ 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).

person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Duke Kentucky shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Duke Kentucky obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Duke Kentucky fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Duke Kentucky shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Duke Kentucky shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Application, the Direct Testimony of Jefferson Brown (Brown Direct Testimony), page 4. Provide the breakdown for the estimated minimal (<\$10,000 per year) incremental operational and maintenance expense (O&M).

2. Refer to Brown Direct Testimony, page 4, lines 18-20. Confirm if the estimated in-service date remains the same. If not confirmed, provide the revised Attachment_DAK_1.

3. Refer to the Application, the Direct Testimony of David Klein (Klein Direct Testimony), page 5 and CONFIDENTIAL Attachment DAK-2. Provide a table showing the mileage of the pipelines, with a breakdown by pipeline size.

4. Refer to the Application, the Direct Testimony of Neil M. Moser (Moser Direct Testimony), page 10. Explain if Duke Kentucky expects to have more customers in the same territory in the future.

5. Refer to Moser Direct Testimony, page 4, refer also to Brown Direct Testimony, page 2, and refer to Case No. 2025-00142,² Application, page 4 which states:

Duke Energy Kentucky also plans to file an application to approve the abandonment of these lines once Duke Energy Kentucky converts the customers to an alternate fuel source to avoid any uncertainty on whether Duke Energy Kentucky has an obligation to serve these customers. Duke Energy Kentucky believes converting these twenty-five (25) customers into an alternative fuel source and to connect the two (2) customers that are in close proximity to Duke Energy Kentucky's pipelines, is what is best for not only these twenty-seven (27) customers, but also all of Duke Energy Kentucky customers. Based on Duke Energy Kentucky's due diligence, this alternative is the most economic for Duke Energy Kentucky, its customers, and the least impactful to the service provided for these Duke Energy Kentucky "farm tap" customers.

a. Confirm if the certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) filed in this case includes 27 customers or it is only for 25 customers.

² Case No. 2025-00142, *Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for a Declaratory Order Regarding Recovery of Costs to Convert Customers to Alternate Source of Fuel* (filed on June 3, 2026).

b. Explain what tariff classifications these 27 customers were assigned under KO Transmission (a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation) before KO was acquired by TC Energy in 2023.

c. Provide any case numbers or applications, in any jurisdiction or with any regulatory agency, filed by Duke Energy and TC Energy related to the abandonment.

6. Refer to the Application and the Direct Testimony of Brown, page 5, lines 1–2.

a. Provide the total number of Duke Kentucky's natural gas customers in Kentucky.

b. Provide the estimated impact of the project on customers' monthly bills.

c. Based on the total project cost and the unique circumstances associated with this issue, explain whether Duke Kentucky considered alternative cost recovery approaches, such as amortizing and recovering the project costs over a ten-year period.

7. Refer to Duke Kentucky's responses to Commission Staff First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), item 2b. Provide the average monthly bill for the 27 affected customers. In addition, for each of the 27 affected customers, provide the estimated average monthly energy cost following conversion to the alternative fuel source expected to serve that customer. Compare those estimated monthly energy costs to the customers' current average monthly natural gas bills and identify the estimated monthly increase or decrease in monthly energy costs for each customer and on average.

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