COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC ANNUAL COST RECOVERY FILING FOR DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT BY DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.	)))	CASE NO. 2026-00321

O R D E R

On November 3, 2026, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) filed its annual Demand-Side Management (DSM) status report.[1] Alongside the annual DSM status report, Duke Kentucky filed updated DSM Rider Rates for its gas and electric operations to recover projected July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028 expenditures.[2] Duke Kentucky proposed an effective date of December 2, 2026.[3]

KRS 278.030 provides that a utility may collect fair, just and reasonable rates and that the service it provides must be adequate, efficient and reasonable. Having reviewed the proposed tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and that such investigation cannot be completed by December 2, 2026. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will, therefore, suspend the effective date of the proposed tariff for five months, up to and including May 2, 2027.

[1] Annual Status Report (filed Nov. 3, 2026).

[2] Annual Status Report, Appendix D and E.

[3] Annual Status Report, Appendix D and E.

The Commission directs Duke Kentucky to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085[4] in which the Commission mandated the use of electronic filing procedures listed in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Consistent with the filing procedures set forth in Case No. 2020-00085, the Commission finds that electronic filing procedures should be used.

The Commission finds that a procedural schedule should be established to review the reasonableness of the proposed tariff. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order. The Commission further finds Duke Kentucky should respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

Additionally, any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. Hearings are held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information are expected to participate in person at a hearing.

[4] 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).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed tariff.

2. Duke Kentucky's proposed tariff is suspended for five months from December 2, 2026, up to and including May 2, 2027.

3. Duke Kentucky shall, by counsel, enter an appearance in this proceeding within seven days of the date of service of this Order. The entry of appearance shall include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and electronic mail address of counsel.

4. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to service and electronic filing of papers shall be followed in this proceeding.

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(10), within seven days of the date of service of this Order, Duke Kentucky shall file by electronic means a written statement that it waives any right to service of Commission Orders by United States mail and that it or its authorized agent possess the facilities to receive electronic submissions.

6. Unless a party granted leave to intervene states its objection to the use of electronic filing procedures in a motion for intervention, the party shall:

a. Be deemed to have consented to the use of electronic filing procedures and the service of all papers, including Orders of the Commission, by electronic means; and

b. Within seven days of the date of service of an order of the Commission granting intervention, file with the Commission a written statement that:

(1) It or its authorized agent possesses the facilities to receive electronic transmissions; and

(2) Sets forth the electronic mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding shall be served.

7. If a party objects to the use of electronic filing procedures and the Commission determines that good cause exists to excuse that party from the use of electronic filing procedures, service of documents on that party and by that party shall be made in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(8).

8. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

9. Duke Kentucky shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

10. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding, which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of the utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding the potential impact

of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

11. Any motion to intervene after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

12. Duke Kentucky shall give notice of the hearing in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statements: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed by connecting to the YouTube link posted on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov, on the day of the hearing" and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to provide public comments may do so by arriving at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, before the start of the hearing." At the time the notice is mailed or publication is requested, Duke Kentucky shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

13. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

14. Any hearing scheduled in this matter shall be held on the designated day or days and continued until called from the bench by the presiding officer. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing shall be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing.

15. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

16. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

17. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of times with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

18. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to substitute witnesses or excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to substitute witnesses or excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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Entered on this 25th day of November, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Angie Hatton
Chair

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Vice Chair

Andrew W. Wood
Commissioner

Barry L. Mayfield
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Justin McNeil
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2026-00321 DATED NOV 25 2026

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than 12/09/2026

Initial requests for information to Duke Kentucky shall be filed no later than 12/18/2026

Duke Kentucky shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than..... 01/06/2027

All supplemental requests for information to Duke Kentucky shall be filed no later than 01/20/2027

Duke Kentucky shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than 02/03/2027

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than…. 02/10/2027

All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than..... 02/24/2027

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than…… 03/10/2027

Duke Kentucky shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than..... 03/17/2027

Duke Kentucky or any Intervenor shall request either a hearing or that the case be submitted for decision based on the record no later than..... 03/24/2027

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