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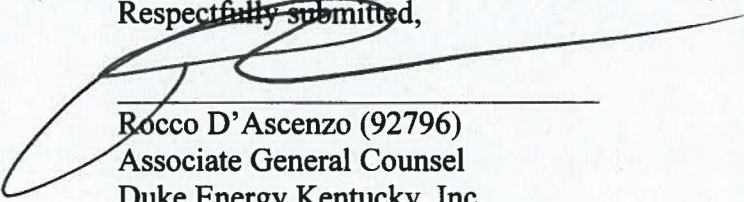
**Re: Case No. 2016-00168
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for a
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Construction
of a Gas Pipeline from Walton, Kentucky to Big Bone, Kentucky**

Dear Ms. Mathews:

Pursuant to the Order dated November 28, 2016, Paragraph 6, which states Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company) *shall notify the Commission one week prior to the actual start of construction and at the 50 percent completion point*, Duke Energy Kentucky is hereby notifying the Commission that tree removal for the approved CPCN allowing for construction of a new natural gas pipeline from Walton, Kentucky, to Big Bone, Kentucky, and associated facilities to include a pipeline to serve the portion of its distribution system in Richwood, Kentucky, and two pressure-regulating stations (Project) is to commence in approximately two weeks. Pipe work for the Project is set to begin in early March. I certify that the electronic document is a true and accurate copy of the original document.

Please date-stamp the two copies of the letter and return to me in the enclosed return envelope.

Respectfully submitted,



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