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Kent Chandler Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: <u>Case No. 2017-00189</u>

In the Matter of: The Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. to Continue Home Energy Assistance Program

Dear Mr. Chandler:

In the Commission's June 21, 2017 Order in case number 2017-00189, the Commission directed Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. to file an application to continue or terminate its HEA program no later than six months prior to the December 31, 2020 expiration of its HEA program.

However, in compliance with the Commission's recent May 4, 2020 Order in Case No. 2019-00366, Duke Energy Kentucky is in the process of revising its current HEA program consistent with the Commission's Order, and as such must negotiate the terms of such program with the administering agency/subcontracting agencies. The Company intends to file an application for a new HEA program once the terms and necessary new contracts are in place. As such, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Commission allow the Company's current HEA program to continue only until the Commission rules on the Company's forthcoming application. The Company anticipates filing its new HEA program in the coming months, once the administering agencies are known and contracts depicting how the program will operate can be negotiated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rocco D'Ascenzo

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