COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In The Matter of:

The Electronic Application of Duke Energy) Kentucky, Inc., for: 1) An Adjustment of the) Electric Rates; 2) Approval of an) Environmental Compliance Plan and Surcharge) Mechanism; 3) Approval of New Tariffs; 4)) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish) Regulatory Assets and Liabilities; and 5) All) Other Required Approvals and Relief.)

an) Case No. 2017-00321

MOTION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

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Comes now Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company), by counsel, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13 and other law, and respectfully requests the Commission to classify and protect certain information provided by the Company as a hearing exhibit, respectfully stating as follows:

1. On August 2, 2017 Duke Energy Kentucky filed a Notice of Intent to File an Application seeking adjustment of its electric rates and other approvals.

2. On September 1, 2017 Duke Energy Kentucky filed an Application seeking an adjustment of its electric rates and other approvals.

3. The Commission scheduled a formal hearing to being on March 6, 2018.

4. During the course of the hearing, Duke Energy Kentucky entered Exhibit DEK 5.

5. Exhibit DEK <u>5</u> is an article prepared by S&P Global Market Intelligence. The document is subject to copyright protections afforded to S&P Global Market Intelligence under

the law of the United States as the publisher of said information. Accordingly, Duke Energy Kentucky must take reasonable steps to assure that the document is not published without the consent of S&P Global Market Intelligence.

6. Exhibit DEK $\underline{5}$ was acquired by Duke Energy Kentucky on a proprietary basis and is not on file publicly with any public agency, and is not publicly available from any commercial or other source. The aforementioned information is distributed within Duke Energy Kentucky only to those employees who must have access for business reasons, and is generally recognized as confidential and proprietary in the utility industry.

7. Duke Energy Kentucky does not object to limited disclosure of the Confidential Information described herein, pursuant to an acceptable protective agreement entered into with any intervenors with a legitimate interest in reviewing the same for the sole purpose of participating in this case.

8. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(2)(e), the Company is filing one copy of the Confidential Information separately under seal, and the appropriate number of copies with the Confidential Information redacted.

9. Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Confidential Information be withheld from public disclosure for a period of twenty years. This will assure that the Confidential Information – if disclosed after that time – will no longer be commercially sensitive so as to likely impair the interests of the Company if publicly disclosed.

10. To the extent the Confidential Information becomes generally available to the public, whether through filings required by other agencies or otherwise, Duke Energy Kentucky will notify the Commission and have its confidential status removed, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13(10)(a).

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission classify and protect as confidential the specific information described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing electronic filing is a true and accurate copy of the document being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on March 8, 2018; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that a copy of the filing in paper medium is being hand delivered to the Commission on the 8th day of March, 2018.

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