

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.) Case No. 2017-000321

JOINT MOTION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. AND THE KENTUCKY ATTORNEY GENERAL TO RESCHEDULE HEARING

Come now Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company), and the Kentucky Attorney General (AG), and jointly move the Commission to continue the hearing date currently scheduled in this matter for February 20, 2018. In support of this Joint Motion, Duke Energy Kentucky and the AG respectfully state as follows:

1. A large amount of Duke Energy Kentucky's witnesses are already scheduled to appear at a previously scheduled hearing before the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Duke Energy Carolinas LLC's rate case beginning on February 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. and it is likely to last more than a week. These witnesses will not be available to appear in Kentucky for a February 20, 2018 hearing.

2. The AG requests a continuance in this matter due to the short time frame between rebuttal testimony being filed and the hearing date. The AG will not have ample time to review the rebuttal testimony and prepare for a hearing in this matter. Based upon the Commission's preference that the record should be administratively complete prior to

holding a hearing in which any full or partial settlement may be considered, the AG does not engage in any settlement negotiations until rebuttal testimony is filed and reviewed. Therefore, there would not be ample time to conduct any settlement negotiations that may otherwise take place in this matter given that the hearing is currently set for only six days after rebuttal testimony is required to be filed. Likewise, the AG would not have sufficient time to fully prepare its cross-examination in the event no settlement is reached.

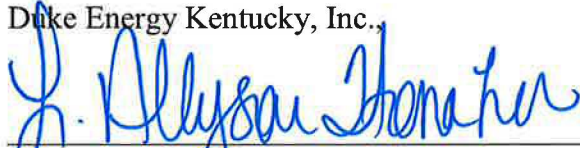
3 Duke Energy Kentucky and the AG request that the hearing being rescheduled to commence either March 5, 2018 or March 6, 2018.

4. Counsel for Duke Energy Kentucky has discussed the need and desire to reschedule the hearing with the counsel for the other intervening parties and each has indicated that they do not oppose rescheduling the hearing until the dates requested above.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Duke Energy Kentucky and the AG respectfully jointly move that the Commission reschedule the hearing date in this matter from February 20, 2018 to either March 5, 2018 or March 6, 2018.

This 18th day of December, 2017.

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