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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY DELIVERY**

September 14, 2018

Ms. Gwen R. Pinson  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Re: **Case No. 2018-00261**

In the Matter of: An Examination of the Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for: 1) An Adjustment to the Gas 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.

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. hereby submits its First Set of Responses to Commission's Staff Request for Information electronically pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001. The original copy of the responses will be filed with the Commission via 2<sup>nd</sup> day delivery. I certify that the electronic documents are true and accurate copies of the original documents. Also, enclosed is one (1) copy of Excel attachments being provided on CD.

In addition, please find enclosed one copy of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s Motion for Confidential Treatment. Enclosed in the white envelope is one (1) copy of the confidential information being filed under seal.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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