

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE ANNUAL COST RECOVER FILING)	CASE NO.
FOR DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT)	2018-00370
BY DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY INC.)	

NKCAC Comments

Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission (NKCAC) offers the following comments on the above styled matter currently pending before the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

NKCAC has worked with Duke Energy Kentucky (DEK) to adjust the HEA programs in order to better serve the clients of NKCAC and DEK, and to better align with the recommendations from Community Action Kentucky to standardize the HEA programs throughout the state of Kentucky. These adjustments should provide better and more efficient access to resources that clients need, while modernizing certain aspects of the program. NKCAC agrees with the Commission that HEA programs should not require participants to apply for weatherization or other services to receive the HEA benefit and has changed the fact sheet to reflect these changes. (See Attachment A.) The adjustments to the program currently under the Commission's consideration, if approved, will allow families to receive a regular subsidy on their bill during the peak heating and cooling months which will allow them to budget more effectively and have fewer crisis situations to manage for their families.

NKCAC believes the HEA program is highly valuable to the citizens that it serves and that no other organization in the DEK footprint is as well equipped to administer this program. NKCAC already has at least one community outreach center in each County DEK serves. NKCAC has

been chosen as the agency best equipped to oversee the LIHEAP program in Northern Kentucky, which creates obvious advantages and efficiencies to having NKCAC oversee the HEA program as well. NKCAC is commitment to administering the HEA program, as demonstrated by its voluntary reduction of the administrative fee to 10%, while continuing to internalize various costs of administering the HEA program.

In summary, NKCAC supports the DEK application currently pending before the Commission, looks forward to a continued partnership in administering the DEK HEA program, and requests that this Commission approve the DEK application.

Respectfully submitted,

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