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Date Received: June 17, 2020

AG-RHDR-01-001

REQUEST:

For all projects being or to be recovered through Rider ESM, provide the actual and

projected additions by project for each month starting January 2019 and ending with March

31, 2021. Provide in electronic format with all formulas intact.

RESPONSE:

Please see AG-RHDR-01-001 Attachment for actual and currently projected additions by

ESM project from January 2019 through March 2021. Please refer to the response to

STAFF-RHDR-01-005 for as-filed actual and forecasted additions for projects being or

expected to be recovered through Rider ESM for January 2019 through March 2021.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Christopher Jacobi

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Date Received: June 17, 2020

AG-RHDR-01-002

REQUEST:

Indicate whether all plant balances for which costs are recovered through Rider ESM are

reflected in FERC Account 311 as they appear to be in the adjustments to remove such

costs in Schedule B-2-2.

RESPONSE:

Yes, all capital costs recovered through Rider ESM are reflected in FERC Account 311

once they are actually placed into service. Forecasted ESM additions are reflected in

Completed Construction Not Classified within the Steam Production function.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Christopher Jacobi

Duke Energy Kentucky

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AG-RHDR-01-003

REQUEST:

Refer to the responses to Staff 2-06 and Staff 2-07 which provide a breakdown of plant by

FERC Account for the base year and the test year, respectively. Provide a similar schedule

which starts with December 31, 2018 balances by FERC account and depicts steam

production plant additions, retirements, and ending balances by plant account for each

month starting with January 2019 and ending with March 31, 2021 that were used in the

as-filed original projections. Provide a breakdown of the data separately for any FERC

plant account that contains amounts for projects being recovered through Rider ESM. For

all amounts that were depicted as Completed Construction Not Classified in the as-filed

original projections, provide the amounts of such that were considered to be related to

projects being recovered through Rider ESM. Provide an electronic format with all

formulas intact.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to the response to STAFF-RHDR-01-004 and STAFF-RHDR-01-005 for

details of additions by FERC account for the months of December 2018 through March

2021, consistent with the as-filed original projections. Please refer to the responses to

STAFF-DR-02-006 and STAFF-DR-02-007 for retirements by FERC account for the

months of December 2018 through November 2019 and April 2020 through March 2021,

respectively. Please refer to the response to STAFF-RHDR-01-004 for retirements by

FERC account for the months between the base period and the forecasted period, December 2019 through March 2020.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Christopher Jacobi

AG-RHDR-01-004

REQUEST:

Refer to Schedule B-2-2 and further to be the adjustment of (\$41,089,898) for the base year

and (\$69,086,352) for the test year to "remove assets recovered through the ESM rider."

Provide copies of all workpapers used to derive these amounts in electronic format with all

formulas intact.

RESPONSE:

The \$41,089,898 adjustment to remove assets recovered through the ESM rider as shown

on Schedule B-2.2, page 1 of 2, represents the actual balance as of May 2019 since there

were no forecasted ESM additions for the months of June-November 2019.

ESM Project May-19

EB020290 - Lined Retention Basin West 10,604,186

EB020745 - Lined Retention Basin East
EB020298 - East Bend SW/PW Reroute 30,485,712

EB021281 - East Bend Landfill Cell 2
41,089,898

See STAFF-RHDR-01-006 Attachment for the calculation of the forecasted period

adjustment to remove assets recovered through the ESM rider as shown on Schedule B-

2.2, page 2 of 2, of \$69,086,352.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Christopher Jacobi

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AG-RHDR-01-005

REQUEST:

Provide a copy of the capital budgets pertaining to projects being recovered through Rider ESM for 2019, 2020, and 2021.

RESPONSE:

Please refer to response to STAFF-RHDR-01-002.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Christopher Jacobi

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AG-RHDR-01-006

REQUEST:

Please identify and describe all typical costs associated with LED Outdoor Lighting,

including financing costs.

RESPONSE:

The costs that go into the calculation of the monthly rates for Rate LED include the cost of

the actual equipment, adjusted for materials, storage, freight and handling. Labor is added

to this, which includes overheads, fleet and supervision. Finally, the monthly rate is

determined by applying the Levelized Fixed Charge Rate (LFCR) which includes

depreciation, taxes, insurance, and the approved capital structure (which incorporates the

financing costs).

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Jeff L. Kern

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AG-RHDR-01-007

REQUEST:

For the Fixture, Maintenance, and Equipment monthly charges associated with LED

Outdoor Lighting, please describe how average installed costs are calculated and provide

an illustrative example of those calculations.

RESPONSE:

Average installed costs for fixtures and other equipment are calculated based on the actual

cost of purchasing the equipment plus materials, storage, freight and handling. Please see

response to STAFF-RHDR-01-014.

Maintenance costs were originally established in Case No. 2017-00321 based upon

maintenance trips to replace the driver every 15 years, replace the surge protection or

photocell every 10 years and other repairs or service every 10 years, including material,

labor and overheads. Costs were determined for fixtures with less than 170 watts and those

with 170 watts or more. These maintenance costs were increased by the overall percentage

for street lighting approved in this case.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Jeff L. Kern

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AG-RHDR-01-008

REQUEST:

Describe the financing facilities utilized by Duke to pay the upfront costs associated with

LED Outdoor Lighting if the customer elects to pay monthly.

RESPONSE:

The upfront costs associated with LED Outdoor Lighting are financed through the general

construction budget. This is the same as any other equipment installed by the Company.

The Levelized Fixed Charge Rate includes a component for the cost of capital and is used

to determine the monthly rate.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Jeff L. Kern

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Date Received: June 17, 2020

AG-RHDR-01-009

REQUEST:

Describe and specifically identify any increased or additional costs Duke would accrue

should it be required to allow customers to "pay off" fixed charges associated with LED

Outdoor Lighting by monthly payments should the Commission order it to do so.

RESPONSE:

After a customer would "pay off" the fixed charges associated with Rate LED, there would

still be maintenance costs and potentially the cost of replacement. Structuring Rate LED in

that fashion would effectively duplicate Rate OL-E. Please see response to AG-RHDR-01-

012. In addition, the Company would be responsible for replacing equipment as necessary

under the current Rate LED. If it were changed to allow equipment to be "paid off" then

the customer would become responsible for any required replacements.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Jeff L. Kern

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AG-RHDR-01-010

REQUEST:

Explain how the costs of the LED pole foundations, brackets and wiring is determined and

calculated.

RESPONSE:

The costs of pole foundations, brackets, and wiring were determined using the same

methodology as for Fixtures and Poles. See response to AG-RHDR-01-007.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Jeff L. Kern

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Date Received: June 17, 2020

AG-RHDR-01-011

REQUEST:

Explain how the monthly charge is calculated to cover the costs of the LED pole

foundations, brackets and wiring.

RESPONSE:

The monthly charge is calculated by multiplying the total cost as described in the response

to AG-RHDR-01-010 by the Levelized Fixed Charge Rate (LFCR). The LFCR is derived

from the approved cost of capital, depreciation, taxes, and insurance. See response to

STAFF-RHDR-01-014.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Jeff L. Kern

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AG-RHDR-01-012

REQUEST:

Would Duke agree to limit the duration of the monthly charge for the LED Outdoor

Lighting? If not, please explain why.

RESPONSE:

Duke Energy Kentucky would not agree to limit the duration of the monthly charge for the

LED Outdoor Lighting. Rate LED was built to satisfy many customer requests for a

regulated tariff structure in a manner similar to the closed SL rates that does not require the

customer to pay for the Capital equipment charges upfront or spread out over time. This

rate was built in a similar manner to all other regulated tariffs that utilize a "regulated cost

sharing" model similar to how all lighting rates were structured and the company operated

under prior to the approval of the Rate UOLS and Rate OL-E rate model. Due to the nature

of the "shared cost" model, these costs would not be subject to ending on a shorter term

basis and would be ongoing charges until the system is removed. Further, if Rate LED

limited the duration of the monthly charge it would effectively be the same as the

combination of Rate UOLS and Rate OL-E. A customer who desires an agreement of that

nature can still utilize those rates rather than Rate LED.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Jeff L. Kern

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Date Received: June 17, 2020

AG-RHDR-01-013

REQUEST:

Please respond to the following from page 22, second paragraph, of the Commission's

Order of June 4, 2020:

"Having reviewed the relevant record, the rehearing pleadings, and being otherwise

sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that rehearing should be granted on this

issue in order to obtain more information and to inquire as to why this provision

was not structured similarly to Duke Kentucky's Rate OL-E, Outdoor

Lighting Equipment Installation, which has been in Duke Energy's tariff in its

current form since at least 2007." (emphasis added)

RESPONSE:

Please see response to STAFF-RHDR-01-009.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Jeff L. Kern