

March 16, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Kent Chandler
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602


Re: *In the Matter of the Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., for: (1) an Adjustment of Electric Rates; (2) Approval of New Tariffs; (3) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory Assets and Liabilities; and (4) all Other Required Approvals and Relief*
Case No. 2019-00271.

Dear Mr. Chandler:

As you are aware, the suspension period for Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s proposed rates in the aforementioned electric base rate case expires on April 2, 2020. The Company is keenly aware that circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have placed a great strain upon government agencies at the federal, state and local levels. It is Duke Energy Kentucky's goal to avoid placing further burdens upon the Commission, and to help customers who are affected by present circumstances, by delaying the potential effective date of new electric rates. Accordingly, please be advised that the Company will not implement its proposed rates prior to May 1, 2020 in order to allow the Commission more time to focus upon the immediate impacts of COVID-19 upon all jurisdictional utilities and the customers they serve.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



David S. Samford