

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

AN ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF HOME	)	CASE NO.
ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OFFERED	)	2019-00366
BY INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES PURSUANT	)	
TO KRS 278.285(4)	)	

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DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC'S DESCRIPTION OF SHAREHOLDER FUNDING FOR  
ITS HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Pursuant to the May 4, 2020 Order of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company) respectfully submits its description of current shareholder funding levels along with its future plans to increase such funding.

Historically, Duke Energy Kentucky's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEA) operated under its crisis-based WinterCare program. The WinterCare funds were applied first to customers in need, before HEA dollars were applied. As a result, the Company's shareholder contributions were applied to WinterCare. The Company's WinterCare program includes \$50,000 in total annual shareholder funding, consisting of \$25,000 in up-front funding, followed by up to \$25,000 in annual shareholder contributions in the form of matching funds for employee and customer voluntary contributions to the program.

As a result of the Commission's Order in the above-styled proceeding, the Company intends to separate its HEA program from WinterCare program going forward. Duke Energy Kentucky will work with the administrating agency to develop the program benefits as directed by the Commission and file them for approval. As a result of the separation of programs, Duke Energy

Kentucky will commit to \$50,000 of new shareholder funding for the new HEA program upon its implementation. The Company will maintain its current WinterCare shareholder funding levels.

Respectfully submitted,

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