

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE)
ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. FOR PROPOSED)
ACCOUNTING AND FUEL ADJUSTMENT) CASE NO. 2021-00459
CLAUSE TREATMENT AND FOR)
DECLARATORY RULING)

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.'S
MOTION FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Comes now Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company), by counsel, and does hereby request the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) to schedule an informal conference to discuss the Order entered on December 17, 2021 in this docket (December 17th Order). The December 17th Order indicates that Duke Energy Kentucky may delay recovery of certain replacement power purchases, but denies the request to establish and amortize a corresponding regulatory asset. As written, the Commission's Order could be interpreted as requiring the Company to only spread these costs out to customers if it takes an immediate and significant charge to its income statement for the Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) expense month at issue. Without a proper alignment of the FAC expense at issue with the recovery period or clarification regarding the Commission's intent, it will not be possible for Duke Energy Kentucky to spread recovery of the replacement power purchase costs incurred during the FAC November 2021 expense month without causing harm to the Company's earnings and financial metrics. Duke Energy Kentucky wishes to clarify whether the December 17th Order is sufficient

to allow it to spread out the recovery of the replacement power purchase costs incurred during the FAC November 2021 expense month for customers without causing substantial harm to the Company's earnings and financial metrics. Due to the urgency of reaching a final resolution on this matter, the Company respectfully requests the Commission to schedule a virtual informal conference as quickly as possible to discuss the impact of the December 17th Order and the accounting basis for seeking an appropriate regulatory asset.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests the Commission to schedule a virtual informal conference as quickly as possible.

This 20th day of December, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing electronic filing is a true and accurate copy of the document being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on December 20th, 2021; and that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding.

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