COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

The Electronic Application of Duke) Energy Kentucky, Inc., for a Certificate of) Public Convenience and Necessity to) Case No Construct A 138-kV Transmission Line) and Associated Facilities In Boone County) (Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line) Project))

Case No. 2022-00364

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.'S RESPONSE TO THE APRIL 5, 2023 DEFICIENCY NOTICE

I. INTRODUCTION

Comes now Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company) and, for its response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission)'s April 5, 2023 Deficiency Notice, states as follows:

A. Deficiencies

1. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 6:

"No date or signature for certification of service to the Office of the Attorney General."

<u>Response</u>: This was an inadvertent error that occurred during the filing. Duke Energy Kentucky has updated the date of the certification of service on the filed Application. A fully executed and signed copy, along with emails to the Attorney General confirming service, are attached to this response as Attachment 1.

2. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14(2):

"If a corporation, the applicant shall identify in the application that state in which it is incorporated and the date of its incorporation, attest that it is currently in good standing in the state in which it is incorporated, and if it is not a Kentucky corporation, state whether it is authorized to transact business in Kentucky; No signature on application to attest to the statements contained therein. Without a signature, the statements therein are not attested too."

<u>Response</u>: Duke Energy Kentucky directs the Commission's attention to Paragraph 1 of the Company's Application.¹ This paragraph seems to meet this requirement; however, it appears the Company, due to clerical error, inadvertently submitted its Application un-signed. Therefore, Duke Energy Kentucky hereby submits a fully executed and signed copy of the Application originally filed on March 30, 2023. It is attached to this response as Attachment 2.

3. 807 KAR 5:120, Section 2(6)

"No affidavit of publication as stated in the testimony at page 17 of the Yanthi Boutwell Direct Testimony. The notice included does not contain newspaper information, dates of publication or any evidence that the notice in Exhibit 13 was a newspaper publication. The statement regarding the Exhibit 13 in the Application is also presented pursuant to the regulation but the Application was unassigned and did not resolve the issue."

<u>Response</u>: Duke Energy Kentucky published Exhibit 13 to the Application as follows: Falmouth Outlook on March 28, 2023; Gallatin County News on March 29, 2023; Grant County News on March 30, 2023; and the Kentucky Enquirer on March 29, 2023. Please note, as of June 26, 2022, the Boone County Recorder, Campbell County Recorder, and Kenton Community Recorder have dissolved and no longer publish a newspaper. Fortunately, the Kentucky Enquirer is a daily paper for these areas; and, for 2022-now, we are able to use them to publish for Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties. The newspaper tear sheets and an affidavit attesting to the publications are attached to this response as Attachment 3.

¹ In the Matter of the Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct A 138-kV Transmission Line And Associated Facilities In Boone County (Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project), Application at 1, Case No. 2022-00364 (Ky. P.S.C. March 30, 2023).

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order finding that with the actions described above the Company's application is deemed to meet the minimum filing requirements and that the application be accepted for filing as of the date of this submittal.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Rocco D'Ascenzo

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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 in paper medium; that the electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on April 6^{th} , 2023; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that submitting the original filing to the Commission in paper medium is no longer required as it has been granted a permanent deviation.²

Hon. John G. Horne Office of the Attorney General Utility Intervention and Rate Division 700 Capital Avenue, Ste. 20 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 John.Horne@ky.gov

> /s/Rocco D'Ascenzo Counsel for Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.

²In the Matter of Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19, Order, Case No. 2020-00085 (Ky. P.S.C. July 22, 2021).

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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. has been served via electronic mail to the following party on this 6^{th} day of

April 2023.

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	Transmission Line Project Part 1 of 3
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Part 1 of 3

Good Morning Mr. Horne,

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Thank you,



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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

The Electronic Application of Duke Energy)Kentucky, Inc. for a Certificate of Public)Convenience and Necessity to Construct A)138-kV Transmission Line And Associated)Facilities In Boone County (Hebron to Oakbrook))Transmission Line Project))

Case No. 2022-00364

APPLICATION

Now comes Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company), pursuant to KRS 278.020(2) and 807 KAR 5:001, Sections 8 and 9, and 807 KAR 5:120, and other applicable law, and hereby respectfully requests from the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) an Order granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for approval to construct and operate a new single circuit 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The new circuit will utilize portions of the existing #15268 circuit, 69 kV transmission line, and approximately 2.1 linear miles of proposed new transmission line. In support of this CPCN Application (Application), Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully states as follows:

Introduction

1. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14(2), Duke Energy Kentucky is a Kentucky corporation originally incorporated on March 20, 1901, in good standing, and a public utility as that term is defined in KRS 278.010(3), and, therefore, is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

2. Duke Energy Kentucky is engaged in the business of generation, purchasing, transmission, and distribution and sale of electric power, as well as furnishing natural gas utility services to various municipalities and unincorporated areas in Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, and Pendleton Counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3. The Company's local office in Kentucky is Duke Energy Erlanger Ops Center, 1262 Cox Road, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018. The Company further states that its electronic mail address for purposes of this matter is KYfilings@duke-energy.com.

4. Copies of all orders, pleadings and other communications related to this proceeding should be sent to:

Rocco O. D'Ascenzo Deputy General Counsel Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 Rocco.D'Ascenzo@duke-energy.com KYfilings@duke-energy.com

Background

5. Duke Energy Kentucky has identified a need to construct a new 138 kV electric transmission line, approximately 2.1 linear miles in length, in Boone County, Kentucky extending from the existing Hebron Substation to the existing 15268 circuit and additionally rebuild another 1.5 of the existing 15268 circuit (the Project). A map showing the proposed location of the Project is included in Exhibit 1. This Project is necessary due to load growth and system reliability of the surrounding Duke Energy Kentucky transmission and distribution systems.

6. Boone County is the fourth most populous and is one of the fastest developing counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.¹ Upon information and belief, this growth includes all three customer segments: residential; commercial; and industrial electric loads. This rapid growth has resulted in customer demand reaching near the limits of the Company's existing transmission system's capacity. The Company is projecting growth to continue in this area, necessitating additional capacity construction to meet projected demand.

The Project

7. Duke Energy Kentucky is seeking authority to construct and operate a new single circuit 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (circuit #6763; the Project). The new circuit will utilize portions of the existing #15268 circuit 69 kV transmission line and approximately 2.1 linear miles of proposed new transmission line. To accommodate the new circuit, the current three-terminal circuit at the Hebron Substation will be split into two two-terminal circuits. One terminal circuit (#6523) will connect the Hebron Substation to the Oakbrook Substation and the other circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron Substation to the Constance Substation. The proposed new transmission line will connect the Company's existing Hebron Substation to the existing #15268 circuit creating circuit #6763. After the connection of the new transmission line, new circuit #6763 will follow the existing #15268 circuit to the existing Oakbrook Substation (Exhibit 1). As part of the Project, approximately 1.5 miles of the existing circuit #15268 will be rebuilt in place to 138 kV capacity. Once the rebuild is complete, the new circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Oakbrook Substations and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron substation to the connect the rebuild is complete, the new circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron substation and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron substation for the rebuilt is complete, the new circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Oakbrook Substations and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Substations and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron substations and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Substations and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Substations and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Substations and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Substations and the existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Substations and the existing

¹ Kentucky Population Growth Rate (2010 - 2019) by County (indexmundi.com)

Hebron and Constance Substations. The new circuit will be energized to 69 kV initially with future plans to energize to 138 kV.

8. Structure types and numbers will be determined during final engineering, which includes ground survey and geotechnical studies, and will depend upon terrain crossed, spans, turning angles, final right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, and other engineering considerations. Based upon preliminary engineering, the Company anticipates approximately 26 foundation based galvanized steel poles and 50 direct embedded galvanized steel poles will be required. It is anticipated that angle and dead-end structures will utilize either guy wires and anchors or foundations. Duke Energy transmission line 138-kV standards are included in Confidential Exhibit 4.

9. The transmission line structure heights will vary depending on placement, terrain, and clearance requirements. The transmission engineering design has the average structure height above ground at approximately 80 feet. The proposed structures will have one 138-kV transmission circuit supporting a total of three phase conductors and one overhead ground/shield wire. In addition, the design incorporates potential distribution under build to further enhance the distribution system in some of the locations. The phase conductors will utilize 954 kcmil aluminum conductor steel-reinforced (ACSR) conductor.

Request for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

10. Duke Energy Kentucky is requesting a CPCN pursuant to KRS 278.020 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15, for its Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Project for the reasons set forth above.

11. The Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Project will not result in a wasteful duplication of facilities. The Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Project will be located

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within Duke Energy Kentucky's electric service territory and is necessary to serve both increased load and new customers in the area. The existing facilities in the area are insufficient to support the new load and customers in the area.

12. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001 Section 12(2)(a)-(i). Duke Energy Kentucky is filing the following information in Exhibit 5, which is incorporated herein and made a part of this Application filed in this proceeding:

Exhibit Page	t 5 Description	807 KAR 5:001 Section Reference
	Financial Exhibit	12(2)
1	Amount and kinds of stock authorized	12(2)(a)
1	Amount and kinds of stock issued and outstanding	12(2)(b)
1	Terms of preference or preferred stock	12(2)(c)
1	Brief description of each mortgage on property of Duke Energy Kentucky	12(2)(d)
1-2	Amount of bonds authorized and issued and related information	12(2)(e)
2	Notes outstanding and related information	12(2)(f)
2-3	Other indebtedness and related information	12(2)(g)
3	Dividend information	12(2)(h)
4-5	Detailed Income Statement and Balance Sheet	12(2)(i)

13. In accordance with Section 15(2)(a), the Application and supporting testimony provide the evidence to show that the Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Project is required by public convenience or necessity. The Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Project will allow Duke Energy Kentucky to continue to provide safe, reliable, and

reasonable electric service to its customers.

14. In accordance with Section 15(2)(b), regarding the filing of franchise agreements, the Company states that it has previously filed with the Commission the applicable franchises from the proper public authorities. Additionally, to the extent a local city or municipality requires the Company obtain a construction permit, the Company will follow such local regulations and obtain any necessary local permits prior to beginning any work. Duke Energy Kentucky will apply for applicable state and federal permits needed for construction of the Project. Duke Energy Kentucky is not aware of any additional permits that will be necessary to complete construction.

15. In accordance with Section 15(2)(c), which requires the Company to provide a full description of the proposed location, route, or routes, including a description of the manner in which the facilities will be constructed, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully states that the Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Project will be constructed as described in the testimony accompanying this Application. Exhibit 7 includes a copy of the siting study which depicts the full description of the route and alternative routes considered. Exhibit 8 shows the proposed route and Exhibit 9 shows the alternative route segments considered as part of the route selection study. Because the Company's proposal is applicable only in the Company's service territory, the Project will not compete with any other public utilities, corporations, or persons.

16. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:120 Sections 2(2)(a)-(c), requiring maps showing: a) the location of proposed transmission line centerline and right of way, and boundaries of each property crossed by the transmission line right-of-way as indicated on the property valuation administrator's maps, facilities and plans and specifications and drawings of the proposed plant, equipment, and facilities; b) sketches of proposed typical transmission line support structures, and; c) a separate map of the same scale showing alternative routes considered, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully states that Confidential Exhibit 4 and Exhibits 8, 9, and 10 contain the required information.

17. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:120 Sections 2(3) Exhibit 11 includes a verified statement that, according to county property valuation administrator records, each property owner over whose property the transmission line right-of-way is proposed to cross has been sent by first-class mail, addressed to the property owner at the owner's address as indicated by the county property valuation administrator records, or hand delivered. The November 10, 2022, notice included the following information:

- a. Notice of the proposed construction;
- b. The docket number (Case No. 2022-00364) under which the Application will be processed;
- c. The address and telephone number of the Commission's Executive Director;
- d. A description of the property owner's rights to request a public hearing and the right to request intervention, and;
- e. A description of the Project and a map of the proposed transmission line route.

18. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:120 Sections 2(4), Exhibit 12 includes a sample copy of the notice provided to a property owner and a list of the names and addresses of the property owners to whom the notice has been sent.

19. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:120 Sections 2(5), Exhibit 13 includes a copy of the notice of the intent to construct the proposed transmission line that has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the construction is proposed.

20. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:120 Sections 2(7), the Company states that Project does not involve sufficient capital outlay to materially affect the existing financial condition of the Company.

21. In accordance with Section 15(2)(e), the Company states that it proposes to finance the construction through continuing operations and debt instruments, as necessary.

22. In accordance with Section 15(2)(f), the Company states that the total estimated cost of the initial construction for the Project is approximately \$34 million. The estimated annual ongoing cost of operation of the Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project once completed is expected to be approximately \$10,000 (capital and operations and maintenance (O&M)). Exhibit 6 contains a cost estimate for the Project.

23. Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully states that the Project is needed to provide reliability to growing customer load in Boone County, primarily new expansion at the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport, as well as other anticipated load growth in the area. Exhibit 14 shows the proposed Project components and the existing system in the area of the Project.

Testimony and Exhibits

24. Additional facts supporting this Application are set forth in the following Direct Testimony attached to this Application as Exhibits 15 through 17:

 a. Yanthi W. Boutwell, General Manager of Midwest Transmission Resource & Project Management, provides the need for its construction, engineering components, anticipated schedule and cost for construction;²

² Exhibit 15.

- John K. Hurd, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, discusses the siting study that was performed, the proposed route, and permitting for construction of the line, and;³
- c. Lisa D. Steinkuhl, Director of Rates and Regulatory Planning Ohio/Kentucky, discusses the financial aspects of the Company's Application.⁴

³ Exhibit 16.

⁴ Exhibit 17.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Commission:

- Issue a CPCN for the construction and implementation of the proposed Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project.
- Grant all waivers requested and necessary and other relief to which the Company may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

Rocco O. D'Ascenzo (92796) Deputy General Counsel Larisa Vaysman Senior Counsel (98944) Duke Energy Business Services LLC 139 East Fourth Street, 1303-Main Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Phone: (513) 287-4320 Fax: (513) 370-5720 rocco.d'ascenzo@duke-energy.com larisa.vaysman@duke-energy.com

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List of Exhibits

- Exhibit 1: Project Location Map
- Exhibit 2: Siting Study Area
- Exhibit 3: Rebuild Area
- Exhibit 4: Duke Energy 138-kV Transmission Line Standards Confidential
- Exhibit 5: Financial Statement
- Exhibit 6: Project Cost Estimate
- Exhibit 7: Siting Study
- Exhibit 8: Proposed New Route
- Exhibit 9: Alternative Route Segments
- Exhibit 10: Proposed Rebuild Route
- Exhibit 11: Verified Statement
- Exhibit 12: Copy of Notice and Landowner List
- Exhibit 13: Newspaper Notice
- Exhibit 14: Present System and Proposed Project Components
- Exhibit 15: Yanthi W. Boutwell Testimony
- Exhibit 16: John K. Hurd Testimony
- Exhibit 17: Lisa D. Steinkuhl Testimony



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APPLICATION CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT 4

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

(1) <u>Section 12(2)(a) Amount and kinds of stock authorized.</u>

1,000,000 shares of Capital Stock \$15 par value amounting to \$15,000,000 par value.

(2) <u>Section 12(2)(b) Amount and kinds of stock issued and outstanding.</u>

585,333 shares of Capital Stock \$15 par value amounting to \$8,779,995 total par value. Total Capital Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital as of December 31, 2022:

Capital Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital As of December 31, 2022 (\$ per 1,000)

Capital Stock	\$8,780
Premiums thereon	18,839
Total Capital Contributions from Parent (since 2006)	133,594
Contribution from Parent Company for Purchase of Generation Assets	<u>140,061</u>

Total Capital Stock and Additional Paid-in-Capital

(3) <u>Section 12(2)(c) Terms of preference or preferred stock, cumulative or</u> participating, or on dividends or assets or otherwise.

There is no preferred stock authorized, issued or outstanding.

(4) <u>Section 12(2)(d) Brief description of each mortgage on property of applicant,</u> giving date of execution, name of mortgagor, name or mortgagee, or trustee, amount of indebtedness authorized to be secured, and the amount of indebtedness actually secured, together with any sinking fund provision.

Duke Energy Kentucky does not have any liabilities secured by a mortgage.

(5) <u>Section 12(2)(e) Amount of bonds authorized, and amount issued, giving the name</u> of the public utility which issued the same, describing each class separately, and giving the date of issue, face value, rate of interest, date of maturity and how secured, together with the amount of interest paid thereon during the last fiscal year.

The Company has fourteen outstanding issues of unsecured senior debentures issued under an Indenture dated December 1, 2004, between itself and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee, as supplemented by eight Supplemental Indentures. The Indenture

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	Principal					
	Amount		ount Principal			Interest
Supplemental	Date of	Authorized	Amount	Rate of	Date of	Paid
Indenture	Issue	and Issued	Outstanding	Interest	Maturity	Year 2022
1 st Supplemental	3/7/2006	65,000,000	65,000,000	6.200%	3/10/2036	4,030,000
3 rd Supplemental	1/5/2016	45,000,000	45,000,000	3.420%	1/15/2026	1,539,000
3 rd Supplemental	1/5/2016	50,000,000	50,000,000	4.450%	1/15/2046	2,225,000
4 th Supplemental	9/7/2017	30,000,000	30,000,000	3.350%	9/15/2029	1,005,000
4 th Supplemental	9/7/2017	30,000,000	30,000,000	4.110%	9/15/2047	1,233,000
4 th Supplemental	9/7/2017	30,000,000	30,000,000	4.260%	9/15/2057	1,278,000
5 th Supplemental	10/3/2018	25,000,000	25,000,000	4.010%	10/15/2023	1,002,500
5 th Supplemental	10/3/2018	40,000,000	40,000,000	4.180%	10/15/2028	1,672,000
5 th Supplemental	12/12/2018	35,000,000	35,000,000	4.620%	12/15/2048	1,617,000
6 th Supplemental	7/17/2019	40,000,000	40,000,000	4.320%	7/15/2049	1,728,000
7 th Supplemental	9/15/2019	95,000,000	95,000,000	3.230%	10/01/2025	3,068,500
7 th Supplemental	9/15/2019	75,000,000	75,000,000	3.560%	10/01/2029	2,670,000
8 th Supplemental	9/15/2020	35,000,000	35,000,000	2.650%	9/15/2030	927,500
8 th Supplemental	9/15/2020	35,000,000	35,000,000	3.660%	9/15/2050	1,281,000
			630,000,000			25,276,500

allows the Company to issue debt securities in an unlimited amount from time to time. The Debentures issued and outstanding under the Indenture are the following:

(6) <u>Section 12(2)(f) Each note outstanding, giving date of issue, amount, date of maturity, rate of interest, in whose favor, together with amount of interest paid thereon during the last fiscal year.</u>

The Company has one outstanding \$50,000,000 unsecured, two-year bank term loan note issued on October 12, 2021. Interest accrues at an annual rate equal to 60 basis points plus Daily Simple SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) and is paid quarterly. The term loan will mature on October 12, 2023.

		<u>Principal</u>			
Note	Date of	Amount	Rate of	Date of	
<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Issue</u>	Authorized and Outstanding	Interest	<u>Maturity</u>	Interest Paid Year 2022
Term Loan	10/12/2021	50,000,000	SOFR + 60bps	10/12/2023	1,257,234

(7) <u>Section 12(2)(g)</u> Other indebtedness, giving same by classes and describing security, if any, with a brief statement of the devolution or assumption of any portion of such indebtedness upon or by person or corporation if the original

liability has been transferred, together with amount of interest paid thereon during the last fiscal year.

The Company has two series of Pollution Control Revenue Refunding Bonds issued under a Trust Indenture dated as of August 1, 2006 and a Trust Indenture dated as of December 1, 2008, between the County of Boone, Kentucky and Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee. The Company's obligation to make payments equal to debt service on the Bonds is evidenced by a Loan Agreement dated as of August 1, 2006 and December 1, 2008 between the County of Boone, Kentucky and Duke Energy Kentucky. The Bonds issued under the Indentures are below. On Nov 1, 2021, the Company bought in the Series 2008A bond, and remarketed the bond in June 2022.

		Principal				
		Amount	Principal			Interest
	Date of	Authorized	Amount	Rate of	Date of	Paid
Indenture	Issue	and Issued	Outstanding	Interest	Maturity	Year 2022
Series 2010	11/24/2010	26,720,000	26,720,000	3.86% (1)	8/1/2027	1,031,392
Series 2008A	12/01/2011	50,000,000	<u>50,000,000</u>	3.70% (2)	8/1/2027	<u>945,558</u>
			76,720,000			1,976,950

⁽¹⁾ The bonds were issued at a variable-rate and were swapped to a fixed rate of 3.86% for the life of the debt.

⁽²⁾ Bonds were remarketed in June 2022 under a fixed-to-maturity interest rate mode (3.70% coupon).

The Company has no outstanding financing leases as of December 31, 2022.

The Company also has \$106,232,000 of money pool borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2022, \$25,000,000 of which is classified as Long-Term Debt payable to affiliated companies. This obligation, which is short-term by nature, is classified as long-term due to Duke Energy Kentucky's intent and ability to utilize such borrowings as long-term financing.

(8) <u>Section 12(2)(h) Rate and amount of dividends paid during the last five (5)</u> previous fiscal years, and the amount of capital stock on which dividends were paid each year.

DIVIDENDS PER SHARE

Year Ending	Per Share	Total	No. of Shares	Par Value of Stock
December 31, 2018	0	0	585,333	8,779,995
December 31, 2019	0	0	585,333	8,779,995
December 31, 2020	0	0	585,333	8,779,995
December 31, 2021	0	0	585,333	8,779,995
December 31, 2022	0	0	585,333	8,779,995

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(9) <u>Section 12(2)(i) A detailed Income Statement and Balance Sheet.</u>

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Twelve Months Ended
	December 31
	2022
Operating Revenues	
Electric	512,319
Gas	155,810
Total operating revenues	668,129
Operating Expenses	
Fuel used in electric generation and purchased power	240,849
Natural gas purchased	70,707
Operation, maintenance and other	140,987
Depreciation and amortization	90,912
Property and other taxes	22,427
Goodwill and other impairment charges	6,910
Total operating expenses	572,792
Gains on Sales of Other Assets and Other, net	180
Operating Income	95,517
Other Income and Expenses, net	3,856
Interest Expense	28,815
Income Before Income Taxes	70,558
Income Tax Expense	12,006
Income From Continuing Operations	58,552
Income From Discontinued Operations, net of tax	-
Net Income	58,552

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. Condensed Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except share amounts)	December 31, 2022
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,326
Receivables (net of allowance for doubtful accounts)	21,799
Receivables from affiliated companies	55,519
Notes Receivables from affiliated companies	-
Inventory	58,276
Regulatory Assets	34,489
Other	31,208
Total Current Assets	204,617
Property, Plant and Equipment	
Cost	3,231,542
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(1,069,120)
Generation Facilities To Be Retired	-
Net Property Plant and Equipment	2,162,422
Other Noncurrent Assets	
Regulatory Assets	70,541
Operating Lease Right-of-Use assets	8,016
Other	17,562
Total Other Noncurrent Assets	96,119
Total Assets	2,463,158
LIABILITIES AND COMMON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	65,534
Accounts payable to affiliated companies	20,648
Notes payable to affiliated companies	81,232
Taxes Accrued	43,692
Interest Accrued	7,797
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	74,980
Asset Retirement Obligations	17,065
Regulatory Liabilities	25,644
Other	15,260
Total Current Liabilities	351,852
Long-Term Debt	679,177
Notes payable to affiliated companies	25,000
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	
Deferred Income Taxes	276,717
Asset Retirement Obligations	90,756
Regulatory Liabilities	103,361
Operating Lease Liabilities	8,034
Accrued Pension and Other Post-Retirement Benefit Costs	27,057
Other	21,019
Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities	526,944
Commitments and Contingencies	-
Equity	
Common Stock, \$15.00 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized and 585,333	
shares outstanding	8,780
Additional Paid in Capital	292,494
Retained Earnings	578,911
Total Duke Energy Corporation Stockholders' Equity	880,185
Noncontrolling Interests	
Total Liabilities and Equity	2,463,158

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Detail Project: M21037401 Limaburg-Oakbrook RLE												
<u>Category</u>	<u>Estin</u>	nated Cost		FERC Account / Plant	Description	Estim	ated Cost					
Labor	\$	59,134.00		355	Poles and Fixtures	\$	-					
Outside Services	\$	600.00		356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	-					
Material	\$	485.00		354	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-					
Indirects	\$	16,177.00		350	Land and Land Rights	\$	200,766.00					
Contingency	\$	33,461.00		357	Underground Conduit	\$	-					
Grants and Easements	\$	90,909.00		358	Underground Conductors and Devices	\$	-					
Total	\$	200,766.00		Total		\$	200,766.00					

	Detail Project: M21037402 Hebron-Route 237 RLE											
<u>Category</u>	<u>Esti</u>	mated Cost		FERC Account / Plant	Description_	Esti	mated Cost					
Labor	\$	191,241.00		355	Poles and Fixtures	\$	-					
Outside Services	\$	2,067.00		356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	-					
Material	\$	356.00		354	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-					
Indirects	\$	113,828.00		350	Land and Land Rights	\$	2,768,990.00					
Contingency	\$	461,498.00		357	Underground Conduit	\$	-					
Grants and Easements	\$	2,000,000.00		358	Underground Conductors and Devices	\$	-					
Total	\$	2,768,990.00		Total		\$	2,768,990.00					

Detail Project: M19030902 Hebron to 15268C Tap-Install New 69 kV Line												
<u>Category</u>	Estimated Cost		FERC Account / Plant	Description	Est	imated Cost						
Labor	\$ 5,026,044.00		355	Poles and Fixtures	\$	16,509,252.00						
Outside Services	\$ 2,405,100.00		356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	1,242,632.00						
Material	\$ 4,509,590.00		354	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-						
Indirects	\$ 3,495,687.00		350	Land and Land Rights	\$	-						
Contingency	\$ 2,315,463.00		357	Underground Conduit	\$	-						
Grants and Easements	\$-		358	Underground Conductors and Devices	\$	-						
Total	\$ 17,751,884.00		Total		\$	17,751,884.00						

Detail Project: M19030903 Feeder 6763-Rebuild Oakbrook to Limaburg										
<u>Category</u>	Esti	mated Cost]	FERC Account / Plant	Description_	Esti	mated Cost			
Labor	\$	2,493,754.00		355	Poles and Fixtures	\$	6,399,764.00			
Outside Services	\$	2,131,500.00		356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	1,501,180.00			
Material	\$	1,666,688.00		354	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-			
Indirects	\$	1,890,408.00		350	Land and Land Rights	\$	-			
Contingency	\$	1,227,353.00		357	Underground Conduit	\$	-			
Grants and Easements	\$	-		358	Underground Conductors and Devices	\$	-			
				108	Cost of Removal	\$	1,508,759.00			
Total	\$	9,409,703.00		Total		\$	9,409,703.00			

Detail Project: M190309DL1 F6763 Underbuild Limaburg												
Category	Estin	nated Cost		FERC Account / Plant	Description_	Estim	ated Cost					
Labor	\$	225,296.00		364	Poles and Fixtures	\$	115,414.00					
Outside Services	\$	40,633.00		365	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	363,754.00					
Material	\$	22,562.00		364	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-					
Indirects	\$	145,345.00		360	Land and Land Rights	\$	-					
Contingency	\$	65,075.00		366	Underground Conduit	\$	-					
Grants and Easements	\$	-		367	Underground Conductors and Devices	\$	19,743.00					
Total	\$	498,911.00		Total		\$	498,911.00					

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		Deta	ail Pro	ject: M190309DL3 New	15264 Transfer		
Category	Estim	nated Cost		FERC Account / Plant	Description	Estima	ated Cost
Labor	\$	9,585.00		364	Poles and Fixtures	\$	-
Outside Services	\$	127.00		365	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	16,936.00
Material	\$	-		364	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-
Indirects	\$	5,015.00		360	Land and Land Rights	\$	-
Contingency	\$	2,209.00		366	Underground Conduit	\$	-
Grants and Easements	\$	-		367	Underground Conductors and Devices	\$	-
Total	\$	16,936.00		Total		\$	16,936.00

Detail Project: M19030901 Hebron Install 69kV CB												
<u>Category</u>	<u>Esti</u>	mated Cost		FERC Account / Plant	Description	Esti	imated Cost					
Labor	\$	1,215,115.00		355	Poles and Fixtures	\$	-					
Outside Services	\$	270,300.00		356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	-					
Material	\$	663,747.00		354	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-					
Indirects	\$	677,494.00		350	Land and Land Rights	\$	-					
Contingency	\$	423,998.00		352	Structures and Improvements	\$	2,763,056.00					
Grants and Easements	\$	-		353	Station Equipment	\$	487,598.00					
Total	\$	3,250,654.00		Total		\$	3,250,654.00					

		Detai	l Project: M19030906 L
<u>Category</u>	Estin	nated Cost	FERC Account / F
Labor	\$	81,723.00	
Outside Services	\$	17,900.00	
Material	\$	4,420.00	
Indirects	\$	31,858.00	
Contingency	\$	20,385.00	
Grants and Easements	\$	-	
Total	\$	156,286.00	Total

ect: M19030906 Limaburg Station Uprate									
FERC Account / Plant Description Estimated Cost									
355	Poles and Fixtures	\$	-						
356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	-						
354	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-						
350	Land and Land Rights	\$	-						
352	Structures and Improvements	\$	156,286.00						
353	Station Equipment	\$	-						
Total		\$	156,286.00						

Detail Project: M19030907 Levi Strauss Station Uprate												
<u>Category</u>	Estim	nated Cost		FERC Account / Plant	Description	<u>Estir</u>	nated Cost					
Labor	\$	39,715.00		355	Poles and Fixtures	\$	-					
Outside Services	\$	9,000.00		356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	-					
Material	\$	2,210.00		354	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-					
Indirects	\$	16,418.00		350	Land and Land Rights	\$	-					
Contingency	\$	10,101.00		352	Structures and Improvements	\$	77,444.00					
Grants and Easements	\$	-		353	Station Equipment	\$	-					
Total	\$	77,444.00		Total		\$	77,444.00					

Detail Project: M19030908 Oakbrook Sub 15264 Changes								
Category	Estimated Cost			FERC Account / Plant	Description_	<u>Estir</u>	Estimated Cost	
Labor	\$	58,720.00		355	Poles and Fixtures	\$	-	
Outside Services	\$	13,300.00		356	Overhead Conductors and Devices	\$	-	
Material	\$	16,575.00		354	Towers and Fixtures	\$	-	
Indirects	\$	29,019.00		350	Land and Land Rights	\$	-	
Contingency	\$	17,642.00		352	Structures and Improvements	\$	135,256.00	
Grants and Easements	\$	-		353	Station Equipment	\$	-	
Total	\$	135,256.00		Total		\$	135,256.00	

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Hebron to Oakbrook Reliability Project 138 kV Transmission Line Route Selection Study Report

Boone County, Kentucky

Project No. M210374

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Executive Summary

Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) was retained by Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy) to conduct a Route Selection Study for a new 138 kV transmission line from the Hebron Substation to the Oakbrook Substation located in the Cities of Francisville and Hebron in Boone County, Kentucky (the Project). As part of the Project, the current three-terminal circuit at the Hebron Substation will be split into two, two-terminal circuits, allowing for the retirement of circuit #6763 that currently feeds the Oakbrook Substation. Future plans include increasing the new line to 138 kV although it will initially be operated at 69 kV. The Project will alleviate reliability concerns and prepare for expected load growth within Boone County.

To select a Preferred Route for this new transmission line, a Siting Team followed a detailed siting process to review opportunities and constraints in the Study Area. The Route Selection Study included identification of an approximately 1.6-square mile Study Area, data collection, identification of Route Segments, identification of Route Alternatives, guantification of siting criteria for each Route Alternative, evaluation of qualitative factors, alternatives comparison, and the selection of a Preferred Route. The Study Area is primarily made up of industrial and commercial land uses with a few small areas of residential and undeveloped lands. Twenty-nine route alternatives were identified within the Study Area that require from 1.7 to 2.5 miles of new circuit. Primary factors driving the evaluation include engineering, land use, and ecological impacts. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources along any of the route alternatives. The main ecological drivers included wetlands, tree clearing, and streams crossed, mostly associated with Sand Run. There are a few residences, institutional, and sensitive land uses throughout the study area but most of the properties crossed are industrial and commercial businesses. Route length, steep slope crossings, length of existing utilities within ROW, and number of turn angles were the major drivers of the engineering challenges identified during the route analysis.

The Siting Team identified a Segment Network comprised of 27 Route Segments based on opportunities and constraints in the Study Area. After the Segment Network was developed, Duke Energy was informed by EKPC during the public outreach portion of the Study, that they also plan to construct a 69 kV transmission line within the Study Area and have a preferred route selected. This resulted in the removal of all segments that conflicted with EKPC's proposed route (Route Segments 11, 16, 17, and 18) from further consideration because there was not sufficient room to build both the EKPC line and this proposed transmission line along those segments. This reduced the potential route alternatives from 43 to 29. The remaining 29 route alternatives were all considered feasible and were evaluated for selection as the preferred route.

After the 29 route alternatives were identified, additional information about proposed development in the study area was discovered that impacted the route selection process. It was discovered that St. Elizabeth started constructing new medical office buildings along segments 20, 22, and 23 and has plans for more development on those properties that conflicts with being able to construct a transmission line. Therefore, based on the qualitative and quantitative review, route alternatives that utilized segments 20, 22, and 23 were not chosen as the preferred route.

Based on the comprehensive quantitative and qualitative evaluation, Route L was selected as the preferred route. This route is approximately 2.1 miles in length and utilizes segments 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, and 24. While Route L scored 12th out of 29 potential routes, there were numerous



gualitative factors that resulted in it being selected as the preferred route. It was determined that routes that utilized segments 25 and 26 along North Bend Road north of Interstate 275 would require crossing over the new EKPC line along North Bend Road. The crossing of the EKPC line in this area would require potential pole heights of 150' to 160' near the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) height threshold for Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). The area around segment 12 crossing North Bend Road north of Interstate 275 is very congested with existing utilities and commercial business and would potentially require engineered poles that could significantly impact the gas station on the east side of North Bend Road as well as additional businesses. Routes that utilized segment 19 were identified as beneficial because it would allow Duke Energy Kentucky to relocate the existing transmission line within KYTC road right of way (ROW) and construct the new line without any new structures within KYTC ROW. Segments 21 and 24 were selected south of Interstate 275 to avoid impacting the development on St. Elizabeth's property. To traverse the industrial park, the team selected segments 2, 5, 7, 13, and 14, over segments 1, 3, and 10 to utilize the existing transmission corridor and reduce impacts to commercial buildings and existing infrastructure along Worldwide Boulevard.

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Abbreviations

CPCN	Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
Duke Energy	Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
EKPC	Eastern Kentucky Power Cooperative
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	geographic information system
IPaC	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation
kV	kilovolt
KYTC	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
NAIP	National Agriculture Imagery Program
NLAA	not likely to adversely affect
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NHD	National Hydrography Dataset
NPS	National Park Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NWI	National Wetlands Inventory
PSC	Public Service Commission
ROW	right-of-way
Stantec	Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
T/E	threatened or endangered
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy) is planning a new 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in the Cities of Francisville and Hebron in Boone County, Kentucky. The new line will connect the existing Hebron Substation with the Oakbrook Substation via a tie-in with a Duke Energy-owned 69 kV line between Limaburg and Oakbrook Substations (the Project) (Figure 1). Duke Energy retained Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) to complete a Route Selection Study to identify and evaluate potential routes for the proposed Project.

As part of the Project, the current three-terminal circuit at the Hebron Substation will be split into two two-terminal circuits, allowing for the retirement of circuit #15268. Future plans include increasing the voltage of this new circuit between Hebron and Oakbrook to 138 kV although it will initially be operated at 69 kV. The future upgrade to 138 kV will require rebuilding portions of the existing circuit to handle the increased voltage. Because the future plan to operate this circuit to 138 kV, the plan is to construct this new line to 138 kV capacity to avoid rebuilding the line in the future. Since the line is expected to be over 1 mile in length and capable of handling 138 kV capacity, a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) from the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) is required prior to construction.

1.1 PURPOSE AND NEED

The Project is planned to address expected load growth and reliability concerns within Boone County. This Project will add capacity for future growth in the region, increase reliability by providing alternatives for operations during planned or unexpected outages, allow flexibility for providing critical energy, and help maintain a robust system for supplying and delivering electric service. Future plans to account for expected load growth include energizing the new line to 138 kV. The Project is part of a larger reliability project that will include rebuilding an existing 69 kV transmission line and its associated equipment from Limaburg Substation along Limaburg Road in Hebron to Burlington Pike in Burlington.

Duke Energy has a state and federally mandated responsibility to provide reliable electric service. The Project will deliver safe, reliable electricity via an optimized route that minimizes project costs and impacts to existing utility infrastructure (substations and transmission lines) and property owners and minimizes or avoids impacts to the natural and built environment. The purpose of the Route Selection Study was to evaluate potential routes for the Project to alleviate reliability concerns and prepare for future growth while meeting these other objectives.

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HEBRON TO OAKBROOK 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE SITING STUDY

1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS

1.2.1 Project Description

The Project will include a new transmission line between the Hebron Substation and Tap to Limaburg 69 kV line along Highway 237/North Bend Road in Boone County, Kentucky (**Appendix A**, **Figures A-1 and A-2**). The proposed line will be owned and operated by Duke Energy Kentucky.

1.2.2 Project Requirements

The siting guidelines below were applied throughout the route evaluation process:

1.2.2.1 System Planning Requirements

• Meet the electrical need and requirements in an economic and reliable way.

1.2.2.2 Engineering Requirements/Planning Considerations

- Secure right-of-way (ROW) width of 100 feet cross-country and 70 feet parallel and adjacent to road ROW.
- Evaluate paralleling existing utility and transportation corridors
- Avoid or minimize severance of parcel boundaries to extent practicable
- Avoid or minimize interference with existing land uses
- Avoid or minimize route angles greater than 30 degrees
- Avoid or minimize slopes steeper than 20%
- Avoid or minimize spans greater than 400 feet
- Minimize route length, circuity, cost, and special design requirements

1.2.2.3 Impacts to the Natural Environment and Land Use

Where possible:

- Avoid or minimize the removal or substantial interference with existing residences.
- Minimize the removal of existing barns, garages, commercial buildings, and other nonresidential structures.
- Avoid or minimize interference with the use and operation of existing schools, recognized places of worship, cemeteries, and facilities used for cultural, historical, and recreational purposes.
- Maximize the sharing or paralleling of existing ROWs unless paralleling interferes with the safe operation or maintenance of the new line or existing facility.
- Avoid or minimize interference with economic activities, including agricultural and silvicultural activities.
- Avoid or minimize interference with existing/future land uses (planned developments/road construction activities)
- Avoid or minimize siting structures within Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-mapped floodways
- Avoid or minimize the crossing of environmentally and culturally sensitive lands, such as recreation lands; historic sites; national and state forests and parks; nature

preserves; conservation lands and easements; large reservoirs and large wetland complexes; critical habitat; and other unique or distinct natural resources.

- Where crossings of sensitive lands are unavoidable, maximize the use of existing crossings.
- Avoid crossing federal, state, and municipal lands.
- Avoid or minimize substantial visual impact on residential areas and public resources.
- Avoid or minimize interference with regulated airspace.

1.3 PROJECT TIMELINE AND REGULATORY APPROVALS

Duke Energy plans to begin construction on the Project in early 2024 with a goal of having the new line constructed and in service by December 2024. Because the future plan is to energize the line to 138 kV and the line is expected to be over 1 mile in length, the requirement for a CPCN from the Kentucky PSC is triggered.

Through coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), several threatened or endangered (T/E) species have been identified as possibly existing within the Study Area. Upon selection of a Preferred Route, additional agency coordination may be required to determine the need for species/habitat surveys and if construction restrictions are necessary. County construction and environmental permits will need to be obtained prior to construction.

1.4 GOAL OF THE ROUTE SELECTION STUDY

The goal of the Route Selection Study was to evaluate potential routes and select a preferred route to prepare for expected load growth within Boone County and alleviate reliability concerns while considering Duke Energy's long-term business needs and avoiding or minimizing undesired impacts to the environment and community.

2.0 ROUTE SELECTION METHODOLOGY

At the beginning of the route selection process, a multidisciplinary Siting Team was established to evaluate the site requirements, opportunities, and constraints. The Siting Team was comprised of Duke Energy and Stantec staff experienced in siting, planning, public engagement, engineering, permitting, vegetation management, project management, asset protection, community and government relations, construction, and real estate.

2.1 STUDY AREA

In consultation with the Siting Team, a siting Study Area was established. The Study Area is defined as the area in which alternative routes can be identified to meet the Project's purpose and need while minimizing social and ecological impacts and Project costs.

2.2 SITING CRITERIA SELECTION AND DATA COLLECTION

Environmental, cultural, land use, social, and engineering data were collected and mapped in a geographic information system (GIS) to identify constraints and opportunities within the Study Area. Constraints are specific areas that should be avoided to the extent practicable during the route selection process. Opportunities are locations where the proposed line routes might be located while minimizing or avoiding adverse ecological or social impacts. After the Siting Team reviewed the specific opportunities and constraints in the Study Area, Project-specific siting criteria were established for identifying and evaluating Route Alternatives.

2.3 IDENTIFICATION OF ROUTE ALTERNATIVES

The Siting Team used the guidelines (see Section 1.2.2) and opportunities and constraints observed in the Study Area to develop a Segment Network. The Siting Team then reviewed this network to identify any fatal flaws, engineering feasibility and constructability issues, and data gaps. Members of the Siting Team reviewed segments in the field, and then combined them to create full-length Route Alternatives, which were used in the evaluation process.

2.4 ALTERNATIVE ROUTE EVALUATION

Once the Route Alternatives were identified, Stantec conducted a comparative analysis using Project-specific data, which included quantitative scoring and ranking based on the evaluation criteria (see Section 2.2). The quantitative analysis began by grouping the opportunities and constraint data assembled as part of the Project GIS into three tiers (criteria group, criteria, and sub-criteria). The data were then weighted with regards to sensitivity to electrical transmission line construction and operation. The weights assigned to the criteria were based on Project-specific considerations and the combined experience of the Siting Team.

Each sub-criterion was calculated by route and the raw data were normalized so that the data could be combined in the analysis. The following formula was used for the normalization:

Normalized value for criterion = value of criterion for route / maximum value for all routes

An example is provided below:

Properties with unique ownership crossed by ROW criterion for Route A = 24 / 27

Where: 24 is the number of properties with unique ownership for Route A

27 is the maximum number of properties with unique ownership for any route

A weighted multiplier was then applied to the normalized value to arrive at a score for that subcriterion. The weighted multipliers for each sub-criterion were established by multiplying the criteria group, criteria, and sub-criteria weights together. For example, the weighted multiplier for the "Number of properties with unique ownership" sub-criterion was 0.0350, whereby the subcriteria weight of 100 percent was multiplied by properties crossed criteria weight of 10 percent and the land use criteria group weight of 35 percent. The sub-criterion scores for each route were then added together to arrive at a composite score for that route, with lower scores being more favorable.

2.4.1 Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Project evaluation included two virtual open houses and a 30-day public comment period. Public engagement specialists prepared a virtual open house, which provided an overview of the Project need, details, schedule, and construction details, and an interactive map of the Route Alternatives. Details about the virtual open house were distributed by mail to property owners within 500 feet of the Routes. Comments could be submitted by comment form, email, or phone and were considered in the refinement of Route Alternatives.

2.5 SELECTION OF PREFERRED ROUTE

The Siting Team reviewed the evaluation results and public comments received, assessed potential impacts to the community and natural environment, and identified potential barriers or challenges to the construction and operation of the Route Alternatives. Using the quantitative and qualitative criteria, the Siting Team selected a Preferred Route that met the overall need of the Project while minimizing potential impacts to the extent possible.

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3.0 ROUTE EVALUATION RESULTS

3.1 STUDY AREA DELINEATION

The Siting Team identified a 1.6-square mile Study Area for data collection and identification of Route Alternatives. The Study Area is primarily comprised of commercial and industrial buildings and associated facilities with some small residential developments and areas of fields and forest (**Appendix A**, **Figures A-1 and A-2**).

The Study Area encompassed the Hebron Substation in the northwest corner and is crossed by Interstate 275 east/west through the southern portion of the Study Area. Highway 237/North Bend Road forms the Study Area's eastern edge. The boundary extends south to include Litton Lane but largely excludes the residential areas to the south of Interstate 275. The northern boundary bisects a forested/agricultural area to include the industrial area to the north of Duke Energy's existing 69-kV and 138-kV transmission lines. The western boundary extends west of the Hebron Substation and around the new Graves Road and Interstate 275 interchange. There are small residential areas located in the western most portion of the Study Area, north of the Hebron Substation, and along the southern and eastern boundaries of the Study Area. There is a commercial district along Highway 237/North Bend Road that includes multiple restaurants and commercial facilities, two childcare facilities, a public library, a church, and a few primary care offices. Additionally, there is a fire station located immediately south of the existing Hebron Substation (**Appendix A, Figure A-6**).

There is one perennial stream, Sand Run, and multiple intermittent streams and potential waterbodies and wetlands within the Study Area (**Appendix A, Figure A-5**). There were no FEMA flood zones associated with Sand Run or any of the intermittent streams within the Study Area (**Appendix A, Figure A-5**).

According to the cultural and archeological review report, there were 15 previously recorded archaeological sites recorded within the Study Area (**Appendix A, Figure A-5**). All archaeological sites either do not meet National Register criteria or are considered totally disturbed¹. There were 34 Kentucky Heritage Council Historic Resources identified within the Study Area (**Appendix A, Figure A-5**); none of them are listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and most are likely ineligible or destroyed. Only one Historic Resource (BE 109, William Watts House) was determined eligible for the NRHP; however, the owner objected so the property was not listed, and the house now appears to have been demolished.

Numerous existing transmission lines, distribution lines, gas mains, sewer lines, stormwater lines, and water lines crisscross the Study Area to serve the industrial, commercial, and residential areas. Additionally, there are two planned projects within the Study Area. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is planning to conduct the Graves Road Widening Project in the western portion of the Study Area, near the existing Hebron Substation and the East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) is planning to build a new 69 kV transmission line that comes out of the Hebron substation to the south and follows Interstate 275 through the Study Area (**Appendix**

¹ While Figure A-5 states that the archaeological inventory sites are of undetermined eligibility, the report states that all are either destroyed or likely ineligible for listing.

A, Figure A-7). The topography is relatively hilly, with steep slopes (>20%) surrounding much of the existing infrastructure within the Study Area (**Appendix A, Figure A-7**).

3.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF EVALUATION CRITERIA

After the Study Area was delineated, the Siting Team collected constraint and opportunity data to support the identification and evaluation of Route Alternatives. The sources of the environmental, cultural, land use, social, and engineering data used in the study are provided in **Appendix B**, **Table 1**. Weights applied to each of the criteria are provided in **Appendix B**, **Table 2**. The evaluation criteria were selected by the Siting Team based on specifics of the Study Area and what would meet Project requirements for constructability, schedule, cost, and operations and maintenance while avoiding or minimizing undesired impacts to the environment and community.

There were no features present along any of the Route Alternatives for several of the sub-criteria, and therefore no data to measure (grayed sub-criteria text in **Appendix B**, **Table 2**). All criteria shown in **Appendix B** reflect the final, adjusted weights used in the analysis.

Agency correspondence was conducted to learn more about the Study Area. The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves provided information from the Natural Heritage Program Database on T/E or special concern plants and animals or exemplary natural communities within the Study Area. In addition, Stantec reviewed the USFWS Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) online system and obtained an official species list from the USFWS to identify any federally listed T&E species or mapped critical habitat within the Study Area.

The Siting Team contracted Weller & Associates, Inc. to complete a cultural and archeological literature review, including a review of the Kentucky Archaeological Inventory files, Boone County atlases, histories, and historic maps, and the NRHP, among other resources. A summary of the cultural resources within the study area is provided above in section 3.1.

3.3 IDENTIFICATION OF ROUTE ALTERNATIVES

The Siting Team identified a Segment Network comprised of 27 Route Segments based on opportunities and constraints in the Study Area (**Appendix A, Figure A-3**). The Route Segments were located primarily within the center and eastern edge of the Study Area within the industrial/commercial complex and the Highway 237/North Bend Road ROW. Numerous constraints were present in the western and northeastern portions of the Study Area. No segments were identified southwest of the Hebron Substation because of tight clearances between residential properties, road ROW, the KYTC Graves Road Widening Project, Hebron Fire Protect District Station 2, an existing EKPC transmission line, and a water tower. No segments were identified within the northeastern portion of the Study Area because of the presence of a library, Lakeside Church of Christ, residential areas, and the constrained nature the development along Highway 237 road ROW in this area. The Siting Team identified segments paralleling the existing transmission corridor. It was determined the segments should parallel along the northern side of the transmission corridor due to challenges of existing utilities and terrain on the south side.

Numerous segments were identified in the industrial/commercial complex. The industrial/commercial complex provided routing challenges because of exiting utilities and short

distances between built infrastructure. Southern segments were included to provide an additional option for crossing Interstate 275, away from the 237 interchange.

After the Segment Network was developed, Duke Energy was informed by EKPC during the public outreach portion of the Study, that they also plan to construct a 69 kV transmission line within the Study Area and have a preferred route selected. This resulted in the removal of all segments that conflicted with EKPC's proposed route (Route Segments 11, 16, 17, and 18) from further consideration (**Appendix A, Figure A-3**). These segments were removed because there is not adequate horizontal space parallel to EKPCs route to accommodate two new transmission lines parallel and adjacent to one another due to existing utilities and buildings. Additionally, collocating the new Hebron to Oakbrook transmission line on the same facilities is not preferred due to planning, operational, reliability, and safety concerns.

The Duke Energy and Stantec Siting Team leads, completed field reconnaissance of the Segment Network from public ROW on December 15, 2021. During the reconnaissance, sensitive receptors (residences, schools, and churches) were verified, and photographs were taken to document existing site conditions. A follow-up site visit was conducted on June 29, 2022 to confirm additional resources within the Study Area.

After the segments that paralleled EKPC's route were removed, the segments were combined into the 29 full-length Route Alternatives as depicted on in the **Figure A-4 inset (Appendix A)**.

Broadly speaking, Route Alternatives were grouped into two categories based on where they crossed Interstate 275, either within the clover leaf or west of the clover leaf.

In the clover leaf

Routes A, G, M, AC, and AI utilized the clover leaf. These Route Alternatives took various routes through/around the industrial/commercial complex north of Interstate 275 before connecting to Segment 12 to cross Highway 237/North Bend Road north of the clover leaf. They then paralleled Highway 237/North Bend Road through the clover leaf, rebuilding the existing line in place.

West of the clover leaf

Routes C-F, I-L, O-R, T-W, AE-AH, and AK-AN avoided the clover leaf interchange. These Route Alternatives took the same various routes through and around the industrial/commercial complex north of Interstate 275 but then connected to Segment 19 at the southern edge of the industrial/commercial complex to cross Interstate 275 west of the clover leaf. They then traversed the land south of Interstate 275 either by paralleling KYTC ROW or cutting directly across to Litton Lane. The routes then connected to the existing line at one of two tap points, one to the north of Litton Lane and one to the south of Litton Lane.

3.4 ALTERNATIVE ROUTE EVALUATION

The Route Alternatives were evaluated for ecological, land use, cultural, and engineering constraints. The Route Alternatives were weighted and ranked with the lower scoring considered more favorable. The scores were not considered to be the definitive ranking of the routes, but as a measure of how impactful the routes would be based on the criteria established for the comparison. The results of the quantitative analysis are provided in **Appendix B**, **Table 3 and Appendix B**, **Figure 1** and described in detail in Sections 3.4.2 to 3.4.5.

In addition to the quantitative analysis, qualitative factors were important for the Siting Team to consider during the evaluation of the Route Alternatives. These factors include observations from

field reconnaissance, comments from stakeholder interactions, and Siting Team experience. Stakeholder feedback is described below.

3.4.1 Public and Stakeholder Engagement

Duke Energy sent out a public engagement letter to individuals with property within 500 feet of the Route Alternatives and requested input on the Project during a 30-day comment period that began on March 7, 2022. Duke Energy also hosted two virtual open houses during which the public could provide comment. There were three comments received; the Siting Team took these into consideration when choosing the Preferred Route.

Based on public comments received regarding planned development in the Study Area, Duke Energy reached out to and held meetings with St. Elizabeth Physicians (St. Elizabeth) located at 1980 Litton Lane. They indicated that they are under active construction on the southern adjacent parcel (impacting Segment 20) with plans to develop the eastern adjacent parcel (impacting Segment 22) as well. A site visit confirmed this additional development. Based on a review of ongoing construction and conceptual site plans provided by St. Elizabeth, it was determined that developing segments 20 and 22 would directly impact the active construction and planned construction of the medical office buildings.

3.4.2 Ecological

Ecological resources including streams, wetlands, and forested lands, were factors in the analysis; there were no floodplains or protected species occurrences within the Study Area. Wetland and stream complexes were mainly associated with Sand Run in the north central portion of the Study Area but also included intermittent streams associated with storm water drainage; all routes crossed at least one stream. Forest impacts were also present mainly in the area of Sand Run and the currently undeveloped parcels located immediately south of Interstate 275 and in the north central portion of the Study Area (**Appendix A**, **Figure A-5**). Forested land clearing was the most influential ecological factor in the quantitative analysis, with forested acres in ROW ranging from 1.19 to 9.62 acres with Routes that utilized Segment 4 having the highest impacts to forested lands (Routes A and C-F).

Duke Energy conducted agency consultation with Kentucky Natural Heritage Program and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). There were no records of Kentucky Natural Heritage Program monitored species within the Study Area. No impacts to listed mussel species are expected as no stream impacts are anticipated. Habitat for listed bat species potentially occurs within the Study Area and may be impacted by tree clearing activities. The USFWS provided the guidance document "Revised Conservation Strategy for Forest-Dwelling Bats In the Commonwealth of Kentucky" and recommended that Duke Energy conduct tree clearing activities in the winter during the unoccupied timeframe (November 15 - March 31).

3.4.3 Land Use

Land use constraints were also influential in the route analysis due to the presence of extensive industrial and commercial districts (**Appendix A**, **Figure A-6**). The Study Area is predominantly industrial development with some commercial development, residential properties, and undeveloped land. Institutional uses within the Study Area include the Boone County Public Library along the northern border of the Study Area, Lakeside Church of Christ and Children's

House Hebron along Highway 237/North Bend Road north of Interstate 275, and St. Elizabeth and Elijah's Creek Kindercare along Highway 237/North Bend Road to the south of Interstate 275.

The majority of the Study Area is heavily constrained throughout by an existing industrial/commercial complex. Additionally, commercial development is extensive along Highway 237/North Bend Road and residential developments border the Study Area on all sides. The Boone County Public Library located along the northern border of the Study Area was considered a sensitive resource.

3.4.4 Cultural Resources

While historic and archaeological resources were identified in the Study Area (**Appendix A**, **Figure A-5**), all were deemed ineligible for listing on the NRHP or destroyed. Therefore, cultural resources were not a factor in the analysis (**Appendix B**, **Table 3**).

3.4.5 Engineering

All routes were considered constructable, though there were several engineering constraints within the Study Area that factored into the quantitative and qualitative analysis (**Appendix A**, **Figure A-7**). The number of turn angles ranged from 4 to 18 due to the heavily constrained nature of the Study Area. The Study Area also has significant portions of steep slopes throughout, most notably along the Sand Run corridor and surrounding Interstate 275 infrastructure. Segments that span the interstate would require long span lengths, with those crossing at the clover leaf requiring long spans at the clover leaf and at Highway 237/North Bend Road, affecting routes A, G, M, AC, and AI.

Additionally, the numerous existing buildings, transmission and distribution lines, gas mains, sewer lines, water lines, stormwater lines, and other existing infrastructure throughout the Study Area made for highly congested routes within the industrial/commercial complex and along Highway 237/North Bend Road. Upon closer inspection of the Highway 237/North Bend Road crossing, proximity to an existing gas station was identified as an additional engineering constraint. For this Project, the sharing or paralleling of existing transmission ROW was considered a benefit. This most notably benefited routes that utilized Segment 2,5, and 7 (Routes G and I-L).

3.5 ROUTE SELECTION

Route selection was conducted focusing on a qualitative analysis of the Study Area. As discussed in Section 3.4.1, based on public comment and additional coordination with St. Elizabeth, it was determined that Duke Energy would be unable to place their transmission line on St. Elizabeth's property without direct impacts to the development under construction and additional development planned for these parcels. This included Routes C-E, I-K, O-Q, T-V, AE-AG, and AK-AM which each utilized Segment 20 and/or Segment 22 (**Appendix A, Figure A-4**).

While on the site visit, the Siting Team noted that Segment 12, which spanned Highway 237/North Bend Road north of Interstate 275, was going to be heavily constrained by existing infrastructure. Upon further investigation, it was observed that the segment would connect near a Shell gas station where there is already a lattice tower nearby and many existing utilities. Additionally, it was determined that the transmission line in this area would require an engineered pole within KYTC ROW which typically are not allowed within road ROW. The Team's prior siting experience has indicated that the engineering and coordination associated with placing a structure in this

area with the constraints associated with the gas station, KYTC, and other utilities would be costly and difficult to implement without significantly impacting the gas station's operations. Additional engineering constraints occur on the west side of Highway 237/North Bend Road near the Amazon facility including extensive existing utilities, retaining walls, and parking impacts (**Appendix A, Figures A-6 and A-7**). Overall, Segment 12 would be challenging to build as there are widespread engineering constraints limiting the ability to build new infrastructure without significant impacts to existing land uses.

The sequencing of the construction for the EKPC Project and the Oakbrook to Hebron transmission line needs to be accounted for during the siting process. EKPC's Project is planned to be constructed prior to the Oakbrook to Hebron Project. This will require the EKPC Project to cross above the existing 69 kV transmission line. When Duke Energy rebuilds to 138 kV (Segments 25 and 26), they would need to construct the line above the 69 kV EKPC line. This would require Duke Energy to have structures in this area that would be close to exceeding Federal Aviation Administration clearance standards associated with the nearby Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, which is located 2 miles to the southeast. Therefore, Segments 12, 25, and 26 would potentially require significant FAA lighting requirements and thus cause a significant expense and challenge both during the design, build, and operation and maintenance of this transmission line. This includes Routes A, G, M, AC, and AI.

Due to the qualitative/quantitative concerns discussed above on Segments 12, 20, 22, 25, and 26 it was determined Segments 19 to 21 to 24 were the preferred last half of the route to connect to the existing transmission line.

After pairing down the segments discussed above, from highest ranked to lowest ranked, Routes AN, R, L, W, AH and F remained (Figure 2). Route F scored highest due to heavy ecological constraints associated with Sand Run and the forested parcels north of Duke Energy's existing transmission corridor, engineering constraints including route length, span length, and turn angles, and land use constraints including number of unique properties and amount of new easement required. Route AH also has extensive engineering constraints including steep slopes, existing utilities, turn angles, and route length. Routes R, L, and W all scored very similarly, with only 1.18 points separating the three routes.

Route AN scored lowest due to significantly reduced ecological impacts because the route avoids impacts to forested wetlands associated with Sand Run, crosses fewer streams, and would require less forested land clearing. However, Route AN scored higher in engineering because it did not utilize the existing transmission corridor and the existing utilities along Worldwide Boulevard. In addition to the other existing utilities along Worldwide Boulevard, engineering concerns not included in the quantitative analysis along the western stretch of Worldwide Boulevard include very tight clearances, an existing bus stop and streetlights, and impacts to traffic with trucks and employee vehicles continuously coming in and out of the business within the industrial/commercial complex.

Routes R, L, and W utilized the existing transmission corridor past Sand Run; however, Route W still utilized the constrained western stretch of Worldwide Boulevard. Route L utilized the longest stretch of the existing corridor which resulted in the fewest acres of new easement required. Additionally, the eastern portion of Worldwide Boulevard is wider and has more adjacent green space to allow for construction crew access to avoid traffic impacts and also has less existing above ground infrastructure that could conflict with the construction and operation of the transmission line. Therefore, Route L was chosen as the preferred route.



Figure 2. Distribution of Quantitative Route Analysis Scores

3.5.1 Description of Preferred Route

Route L was selected as the Preferred Route for the Project and is depicted in **Appendix A**, **Figure A-8**. Route L extends east out of the Hebron Substation, following Duke Energy's existing transmission line corridor for approximately 0.77 mile until it reaches Worldwide Boulevard. The route then turns south and parallels Worldwide Boulevard to the west for approximately 0.28 mile before it crosses Worldwide Boulevard in between the Wayfair warehouse and Amazon Fulfillment Center. The route then continues south for approximately 0.25 mile, crossing Interstate 275, before it turns southeast towards Litton Lane, which it crosses after an additional 0.38 mile. The Route then follows Litton Lane northeast until it reaches the businesses on the south side of Litton Lane. The Route goes around these businesses to the south, cutting between the Burger King and Domino's Pizza where it connects to the Tap to Limaburg 69 kV line along Highway 237/North Bend Road. In total, Route L is 2.05 miles long.

Route L utilized a longer portion of the existing Duke Energy transmission line corridor, minimizing the need for new ROW and minimizing impacts to new landowners. It avoids the highly congested western portion of Worldwide Boulevard where light posts, a bus stop, signs, consistent traffic, and engineering challenges associated with steep slopes are present. Route L also avoids crossing Interstate 275 within the clover leaf and would result in having no transmission structures

within KYTC ROW. Route L met the purpose and need for the Project while minimizing impacts to the community.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The Route Selection Study included the delineation of an approximately 1.6-square mile Study Area, data collection, identification of potential Route Segments and Route Alternatives, a quantitative and qualitative comparative evaluation of the Route Alternatives, and the selection of a Preferred Route. The Study Area is predominantly industrial and commercial. A total of 27 Route Segments were identified and combined into 29 Route Alternatives. All Route Alternatives were in Boone County, Kentucky.

Route Alternatives were pared down based on the challenge to construct Segment 12 due to extensive engineering constraints and planned construction on parcels owned by St. Elizabeth affecting Segments 20 and 22. This resulted in Route Segments 19 to 21 to 24 being chosen as the preferred last half of the route to connect to the existing Tap to Limaburg 69 kV line.

After pairing down the segments discussed above there were four routes with comparative scores, Route AN, L, R and W. The highest ranked route (Route AN) did not follow the existing transmission corridor and scored lower due to the avoidance of ecological impacts to forested wetlands associated with Sand Run. Qualitative concerns with Route AN include very tight clearances along Worldwide Boulevard, an existing bus stop and streetlights, and impacts to traffic with trucks and employee vehicles continuously coming in and out.

Routes R, L, and W utilized the existing transmission corridor past Sand Run; however, Route W still utilized the constrained western stretch of Worldwide Boulevard. Route L utilized the longest stretch of the existing corridor which results in the fewest acres of new easement required. Additionally, the eastern portion of Worldwide Boulevard is wider and has more adjacent green space to allow for construction crew access to avoid traffic impacts and also has less existing above ground infrastructure that would need to be moved. Therefore, Route L was chosen as the preferred route.

After the completion of the Route Selection Study, a public announcement of the Preferred Route will be provided to the property owners and key external stakeholders that were communicated with during the route evaluation step of the Route Selection Study. Then, the project team will begin preparing for transmission line engineering and easement negotiations with the affected property owners.

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APPENDIX A

Constraints Mapping





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	Potential Environmental Contamination	United States Environmental Protection Agency	11/5/2020		
rces	Critical Habitat	USFWS	2/17/2021		
Resor	Wetlands	USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)	2/25/2021		
ogical	Streams & Waterbodies	United States Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)	2/25/2021		
Ecol	Impaired Waters	United States Environmental Protection Agency	5/1/2015		
	Protected Species	USFWS	11/17/2021		
		Duke Energy	11/23/2021		
	existing intrastructure	PennWell Map Search	9/28/2020		
	Roads	ArcGIS North America Detailed Streets	11/19/2020		
		National Pipeline Mapping System	11/2/2021		
	Pipelines	US Energy Information Administration (USEIA) Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level Data (HIFLD)	2/1/2018		
	Railroads	Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level Data (HIFLD)	4/9/2019		
e	Building Footprints	Microsoft	4/29/2020		
Land Us	Institutions (hospitals, places of worship, schools, daycares)	ESRI	11/1/2021		
		National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD)	2019		
	Land Use	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agriculture Imagery Program	2019		
	Soils	Natural Resources Conservation Services	12/11/2018		
	Protected Lands	USGS Protected Areas Database – US	2/19/2021		
	Protected Lanus	National Conservation Easement Database (NCED)	8/28/2020		
	Cell Towers and Antennas	Homeland Infrastructure Foundation-Level Data	4/7/2021		
	Planned Projects	Boone County	11/11/2021		

Table 1. Data Sources

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Category	Sub-Category	Source	Published Date of Data*		
	Municipal Utilities (Sewer, Stormwater, Fiber Lines)	Boone County	11/16/2021		
	Archaeological and Cultural Resources	State Historic Preservation Office (SPHO) (Weller & Associates, Inc. Report)	12/3/2021		
	Cultural Resources	National Park Service (NPS) National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)	9/17/2020		
	Historic or Scenic Byways	Federal Highway Administration	5/26/2017		
	Comptorios	Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)	2/11/2020		
	Cemetenes	SHPO (Weller & Associates, Inc. Report)	12/3/2021		
	Historic Structures	SHPO (Weller & Associates, Inc. Report)	12/3/2021		
ultural	Parcel Data	Duke Energy	11/9/2021		
Ũ	Elevation and Slope	USDA	2002-2017		
	Flood Areas	FEMA Flood Hazard Map	11/1/2021		
	Airports and Airport Equipment	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	5/24/2021		
	Karst Geology	USFWS	2014		
	Geological Areas	USGS	6/18/2018		
	Aerial imagery	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agriculture Imagery Program	2019		

*Data acquisition date used when vintage date unavailable.

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Criteria Group & Weight		Criteria & Weight		Sub-Criteria & Weight						
				Acres of PFO/PSS wetlands in ROW	70%					
		Wetlands	20%	Acres of PEM, PAB, PUB wetlands and riverine in ROW	30%					
		Streams	20%	Number of streams crossed by centerline	100%					
cology	30%	Forest	35%	Acres of forested land within ROW	100%					
ш		Protected Species	5%	Count of Federal & state T&E occurrences within 1,000 feet of centerline	100%					
			2001	Linear feet of floodway crossed by centerline	85%					
		Floodplain	20%	Linear feet of 100-year floodplain crossed by centerline	15%					
				Number of residences within the ROW	0%					
		Residences	25%	Number of residences within 200 feet of ROW	60%					
				Number of residences between 200-500 feet of ROW	40%					
		Business/Commercial/ Industrial	15%	Number of businesses, commercial, and industrial buildings within 250 feet of centerline	100%					
lse		Properties Crossed	10%	Number of properties crossed by ROW	100%					
Land L	35%		150/	Number of institutional uses crossed by ROW	70%					
		Institutional Land Use	15%	Number of institutional uses within 1,000 feet of centerline	30%					
				Acres of sensitive lands within ROW	70%					
		Sensitive Lands	20%	Acres of sensitive lands within 1,000 feet of centerline	30%					
		Agricultural & Industrial Uses	5%	Acres of agricultural and other industrial uses in ROW	100%					
		New easement required	10%	Acres of new easement required	100%					
		NRHP Listed Resources	40%	Number of NRHP listed resources within 1,000 feet of centerline	100%					
Iral	09/	State Architectural Resources	30%	Number of state historic resources within 1,000 feet of centerline	100%					
Cult	0%	Archaeological Sites	15%	Number of known archaeological resources in ROW	100%					
		Cemeteries 1		Number of cemeteries in ROW	100%					

Table 2. Criteria Group, Criteria, and Sub-Criteria Weights

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Criteria Group & Weight		Criteria & Weight		Sub-Criteria & Weight						
Engineering		Route Length	20%	Length of route in linear feet	100%					
		Highway & Rail Crossings	10%	Number of highway, road, or railroad crossings	100%					
		Slope	15%	Linear feet of centerline within slope >20%	100%					
	35%	Angles	20%	Number of turn angles >20 degrees	100%					
		Span	5%	Linear feet of longest span (if a span greater than 400 feet is required)	100%					
		Other Linear Utilities	20%	Length or Route with underground utilities in ROW	100%					
		Paralleling Linear Infrastructure	10%	Percent of centerline not paralleling existing transmission ROW	100%					

PAB- Palustrine Aquatic Bed, PEM- Palustrine Emergent Wetland, PFO- Palustrine Forested Wetland, PSS-Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetland, T&E- Threatened and Endangered Species. Wetland types based on Cowardin classification (Cowardin et al. 1979). Sub-criteria with gray shading indicate there were no data recorded for any of the routes.

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Table 3. Weighted Results Table

		0	ECOLOGY CRITERIA GROUP																				
	5	ĬĒ L		Streams				Wet	ands				Forest				Flood	dplain			Pro	otected Spe	cies
Route	segmer		ue ub Boo So So So So So So So So So So So So S		centerline	PFO & PSS	wetlands in	ROW (acres)	PEM, PAB,	PEM, PAB, PUB and riverine in ROW (acres)			Forested land in ROW (acres)			crossed by (feet)	centerline	100-Year floodplain crossed by centerline (feet)			Federal and state threatened and endangered species occurrences within 1,000 feet of centerline (count)		
	Criteria Group Weight:			30%			30%			30%			30%		1	30%		30%			I	30%	
	Criteria Weight:			20%			20%			20%			35%			20%		20%				5%	
	Sub-Criteria Weight:			100%			70%			30%			100%			85%			15%			100%	
	Weighted Multiplier:			0.0600			0.0420			0.0180			0.1050			0.0510			0.0090			0.0150	
			Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted
ROUTES					value			value			value			value			value			value			value
A	1 2 4 12 25 26 27	199	2	25	1 50	0.06	100	4 20	0.00	0	0.00	5.08	46	4.85	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
C	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.37	4	75	4.50	0.06	100	4.20	0.00	0	0.00	9.35	97	10.16	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
D	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.37	5	100	6.00	0.06	100	4.20	0.05	100	1.80	9.62	100	10.50	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
E	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.43	2	25	1.50	0.06	100	4.20	0.00	0	0.00	8.21	83	8.75	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
F	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.35	3	50	3.00	0.06	100	4.20	0.05	100	1.80	8.48	87	9.08	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
G	1, 2, 5, 7, 12, 25, 26, 27	1.69	2	25	1.50	0.05	84	3.55	0.00	0	0.00	2.53	16	1.67	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	4	75	4.50	0.05	84	3.55	0.00	0	0.00	6.80	66	6.98	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
J	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.07	5	100	6.00	0.05	84	3.55	0.05	100	1.80	7.06	70	7.32	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
К	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.13	2	25	1.50	0.05	84	3.55	0.00	0	0.00	5.66	53	5.56	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
L	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	3	50	3.00	0.05	84	3.55	0.05	100	1.80	5.93	56	5.90	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
M	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.02	2	25	1.50	0.05	84	3.55	0.00	0	0.00	2.53	16	1.67	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
0	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.08	4	75	4.50	0.05	84	3.55	0.00	0	0.00	6.80	66	6.98	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
Р	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.08	5	100	6.00	0.05	84	3.55	0.05	100	1.80	7.06	70	7.32	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
0	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.14	2	25	1.50	0.05	84	3.55	0.00	0	0.00	5.66	53	5.56	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
R T	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.06	3	50	3.00	0.05	84	3.55	0.05	100	1.80	5.93	50	5.90	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.10	4	100	4.50	0.05	84	3.55	0.00	100	1.80	7.19	74	7.47	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
V	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.17	2	25	1.50	0.05	04	2.55	0.05	100	0.00	6.05	59	6.05	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
Ŵ	1 2 5 6 8 10 15 19 21 24	2.22	3	50	3.00	0.05	84	3.55	0.05	100	1.80	6.32	61	6.39	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AC	1 3 8 9 13 12 25 26 27	2.14	1	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	1.55	4	0.45	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AF	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.30	3	50	3.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	5.82	55	5.77	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AF	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.30	4	75	4.50	0.00	0	0.00	0.05	100	1.80	6.09	58	6.10	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AG	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.36	1	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	4.68	41	4.35	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AH	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.28	2	25	1.50	0.00	0	0.00	0.05	100	1.80	4.95	45	4.68	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AI	1, 3, 10, 14, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.27	1	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	1.19	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AK	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	3	50	3.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	5.46	51	5.32	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AL	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.08	4	75	4.50	0.00	0	0.00	0.05	100	1.80	5.73	54	5.66	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AM	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.13	1	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	4.32	37	3.90	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
AN	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	2	25	1.50	0.00	0	0.00	0.05	100	1.80	4.59	40	4.23	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
Min			1			0.00			0.00			1.19			0.0			0.00			0		
Max			5			0.06			0.05			9.62			0.0			0.00			0		
Range			4			0.06			0.05			8.43			0.0			0.00			0		
	Criteria Description:		Nationa	Hydrograph	ny Dataset	National	Wetland Inve	entory Data	National	Wetland Inve	entory Data	Forested I	and digitized	d from most	FEMAT	ood Hazard	Dataset	FEMA	lood Hazard	Dataset	1000 ft b	uffer of cent	.erline that
			perenniai	(46006) and	Intermittent	PFO and	PSS wetland	is. wetland	PEIVI, P	AB, PUB and	Riverine	recent /	enai image	ery (NAIP).	features tr	hat have a c	ieterminea	reatures t	nat nave a d	aeterminea	Interse	cts federal a	ind state
			(46003) Str	eams. visuai	iy inspected	reature	presence no	ot venned	wetian	nas. wetiana	reature				flood zone	sub-type as	s Floodway.	TIOC	od zone type	as A.	threater	ned and end	Jangered
			other s	stream categ	gories for	auring	riela reconn	aissance.	presence	not verified	auring field										sp	ecies polyg	ons.
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		6	LAND USE CRITERIA GROUP																	
	2	im) r			Institutiona	al Land Use					Sensitiv	ve Areas			Agricu	lture & Indus	trial Uses	Eas	ement Requi	ired
Route	Segmen	Route Lengt	Institutio	onal uses wit (count)	hin ROW	Institutiona	l uses within ' ROW (count	1,000 feet of)	Sensitive a	areas within R	OW (acres)	Sensitive a	reas within 1 ROW (acres)	,000 feet of)	Agricultura i	al and Indust in ROW (acre	rial land use es)	New ease	ement require	ed (acres)
	Criteria Group Weight:	Group Weight: 35%			35%			35%			35%		35%			35%				
	Criteria Weight:			15%			15%			20%			20%			5%			10%	
	Sub-Criteria Weight:			70%			30%			70%			30%			100%			100%	
	weighted Multiplier:			0.0368	Woightod		0.0158	Woightod		0.0490	Woightod		0.0210	Woightod		0.0175	Woighted		0.0350	Woightod
			Value	Normalized	Value	Value	Normalized	Value	Value	Normalized	Value	Value	Normalized	Value	Value	Normalized	Value	Value	Normalized	Value
ROUTES					Value			Value			Value			Value			Value			Value
Α	1, 2, 4, 12, 25, 26, 27	1.99	0	0	0.00	5	100	1.58	0.00	0	0.00	17.06	100	2.10	13.33	23	0.40	15.15	36	1.26
С	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.37	1	100	3.68	3	33	0.53	0.00	0	0.00	17.06	100	2.10	17.56	74	1.30	24.90	90	3.14
D	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.37	1	100	3.68	3	33	0.53	0.00	0	0.00	17.06	100	2.10	18.24	83	1.44	26.78	100	3.50
E	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.43	0	100	3.68	3	33	0.53	0.00	0	0.00	17.06	100	2.10	18.33	84	1.40	25.30	92	3.23
G	1, 2, 5, 7, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.33	0	0	0.00	4	67	1.05	0.00	0	0.00	0.71	4	0.09	11.48	0	0.00	8.58	0	0.00
1	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.71	4	0.09	15.68	51	0.90	18.32	54	1.87
J	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.07	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.71	4	0.09	16.36	60	1.04	20.21	64	2.24
К	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.13	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.71	4	0.09	16.46	61	1.06	18.78	56	1.96
L	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	0	0	0.00	3	33	0.53	0.00	0	0.00	0.71	4	0.09	16.54	62	1.08	19.66	61	2.13
M	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.02	0	0	0.00	4	6/	1.05	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	15.44	48	0.85	14.10	30	1.06
P	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.08	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	15.62	53	1.07	21.20	80	2.43
0	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.00	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	16.59	62	1.09	21.66	72	2.52
R	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.06	0	0	0.00	3	33	0.53	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	16.68	64	1.11	22.54	77	2.68
T	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.16	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	16.82	65	1.14	20.65	66	2.32
U	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.17	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	17.50	73	1.29	22.54	77	2.68
V	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.22	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	17.59	75	1.30	21.11	69	2.41
W AC	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.14	0	0	0.00	3	33	0.53	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	17.68	/6	1.32	22.00	/4	2.58
AC	1 3 8 9 14 15 19 20 22 27	2.23	1	100	3.68	2	07	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	18.81	90	1.40	24.21	86	3.01
AF	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.30	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	19.49	98	1.71	26.10	96	3.37
AG	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.36	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	19.58	99	1.73	24.67	88	3.09
AH	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.28	0	0	0.00	3	33	0.53	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	19.67	100	1.75	25.55	93	3.26
AI	1, 3, 10, 14, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.27	0	0	0.00	4	67	1.05	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	18.88	90	1.58	15.93	40	1.41
AK	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	16.08	56	0.98	19.87	62	2.17
	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.08	1	100	3.68	2	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	16.77	66	1.13	21.70	65	2.55
AN	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	0	0	0.00	3	33	0.53	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	Ő	0.00	16.94	67	1.17	21.21	69	2.43
Min			0			2			0.00			0			11.48			8.58		
Max			1			5			0.00			17			19.67			26.78		
Range			1			3			0.00			17			8.19			18.21		
	Criteria Description:		Schools, h	ospitals, chu	rches, child	Schools, h	ospitals, chu	rches, child	Parks, pr	eserves, trails	, agency-	Parks, pr	eserves, trails	, agency-	Agricultura	al and Indust	rial land use	Total ROV	Varea. Varia	able width
			Care Instit	utional land	uses within	Care Instit	utional land	uses within	managed	areas, goir c	in ROW	managed	areas, goir c	ourses, and	was dete	ermined NAII	² imagery.	ROW ald	ng exiting tra	ansmission
			a schor	n complex v	vould be	two buildi	ars in a scho	ol complex	Included	property with I public librar	v Confirm	ROW In	cluded publ	ic library				c	.nu ioauway	ys.
			counted a	as one Instit	utions were	build would	be counted	as one	included	with Duke	y. Committi	CC	onfirm with Di	ic iibiai y. ike						
			vei	rified during	field	Institutio	ns were verifi	ed during		mar Build.		00								
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		-	LAND USE CRITERIA GROUP														
	2	im) c					Residences					Busines	s/Commercia	al/Industrial	Pro	operties Cross	sed
Route	Segmen	Route Lengtl	Residential buildings within ROW (count)			Residential of ed	Residential buildings within 200 feet of edge of ROW (count)			Residential buildings within 200-500 feet of edge of ROW (count)			Business, Commercial, and Industrial Buildings within 250 Feet of Centerline			Properties with unique ownership crossed by ROW (count)	
	Criteria Group Weight:			35%			35%			35%			35%			35%	
	Criteria Weight:			25%			25%		25%			15%			10%		
	Sub-Criteria Weight:		0%			60%			40%		100%			100%			
	Weighted Multiplier:		0.0000			0.0525			0.0350		0.0525			0.0350			
			Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted
ROUTES					Value			value			value			value			value
A	1, 2, 4, 12, 25, 26, 27	1.99	0	0	0.00	3	50	2.63	3	7	0.25	23	100	5.25	24	70	2.45
С	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.37	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	21	71	3.75	24	70	2.45
D	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.37	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	19	43	2.25	27	100	3.50
E	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.43	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	22	86	4.50	25	80	2.80
F	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.35	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	20	57	3.00	25	80	2.80
G	1, 2, 5, 7, 12, 25, 26, 27	1.69	0	0	0.00	3	50	2.63	3	7	0.25	21	71	3.75	21	40	1.40
<u> </u>	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	19	43	2.25	21	40	1.40
J	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.07	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	1/	14	0.75	24	/0	2.45
<u> </u>	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.13	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	20	57	3.00	22	50	1.75
L	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	18	29	1.50	22	50	1.75
	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.02	0	0	0.00	3	50	2.03	3	/	0.25	21	71	3.75	22	50	1.75
P	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.08	0	0	0.00	2	100	5.25	 16	100	3.50	16	29	0.00	22		2.80
F	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.00	0	0	0.00	4	100	0.00	10	100	0.00	10	12	2.00	23	60	2.00
P	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 25, 22, 27	2.14	0	0	0.00	2	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	17	43	0.75	23	60	2.10
T	1 2 5 6 8 10 15 19 20 22 27	2.00	0	0	0.00	7	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	17	20	1.50	20	30	1.05
- i	1 2 5 6 8 10 15 19 20 23 24	2.10	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	16	0	0.00	23	60	2 10
v	1 2 5 6 8 10 15 19 21 23 22 27	2.17	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	10	43	2.25	23	40	1.40
Ŵ	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.14	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	17	14	0.75	21	40	1.40
AC	1, 3, 8, 9, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.23	0	0	0.00	3	50	2.63	3	7	0.25	22	86	4.50	20	30	1.05
AE	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.30	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	19	43	2.25	20	30	1.05
AF	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.30	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	17	14	0.75	23	60	2.10
AG	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.36	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	20	57	3.00	21	40	1.40
AH	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.28	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	18	29	1.50	21	40	1.40
Al	1, 3, 10, 14, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.27	0	0	0.00	3	50	2.63	3	7	0.25	22	86	4.50	20	30	1.05
AK	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	18	29	1.50	17	0	0.00
AL	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.08	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	16	0	0.00	20	30	1.05
AM	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.13	0	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	2	0	0.00	19	43	2.25	18	10	0.35
AN	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	0	0	0.00	4	100	5.25	16	100	3.50	1/	14	0.75	18	10	0.35
Min		-	0			2			2			16			1/		
Pango			0			4			16			23			27		
Kange	Critoria Description		Occupied						14 Occupied			/ Structure to		 ad during field	TU Dorools t	 hat intercent	the POW
	Ciliena Description.		family	single ranning		family	rosidontial du	vollings	family	single ranning		Siluciule iy	pe was venin	ea aanng neia	dissolved	hat intersect	
			Dwelling t	ype was veri	ified during	Dwelling t	type was veri	fied during	Dwelling t	ype was verif	fied during		reconnaissan	ice.	with mul	tiple parcels	counted
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		_					CULT	URAL CR	iteria g	ROUP					
	ŧ	E) F	NRH	P Listed Resou	urces	State	e Listed Resou	urces	Arc	haeological	Sites		Cemeteries		
Route	Segmer	Route Lengt	NRHP listed feet o	d resources w f centerline (d	/ithin 1,000 count)	State listed feet o	d resources w f centerline (vithin 1,000 count)	Known arc	chaeologica ROW (count	l sites within)	Cemeter	ies within RO	W (count)	
	Criteria Group Weight:			0%		0%			0%		0%				
	Criteria Weight:			40%		30%				15%		15%			
	Sub-Criteria Weight:		100%				100%			100%		100%			
	Weighted Multiplier:		0.0000			L	0.0000			0.0000			0.0000		
			Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	Value	Normalized	Weighted	
ROUTES					Value			value			value			value	
A	1, 2, 4, 12, 25, 26, 27	1.99	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
С	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.37	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
D	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.37	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
E	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.43	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
F	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.35	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
G	1, 2, 5, 7, 12, 25, 26, 27	1.69	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
I	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
J	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.07	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
K	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.13	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
L	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
M	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.02	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
0	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.08	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
P	1, 2, 5, 0, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.08	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
<u> </u>	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.14	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
T	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
- i	1 2 5 6 8 10 15 19 20 23 24	2.10	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
v	1 2 5 6 8 10 15 19 21 23 22 27	2.17	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Ŵ	1 2 5 6 8 10 15 19 21 24	2.22	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AC	1, 3, 8, 9, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.23	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AE	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.30	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AF	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.30	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AG	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.36	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AH	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.28	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AI	1, 3, 10, 14, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.27	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AK	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AL	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.08	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AM	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.13	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
AN	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	
Min		 	0			0			0			0			
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			ENGINEERING CRITERIA GROUP																				
	<u>1</u>	ш ч	I	Route Lengt	h	Highw	ay and Rail (Crossings		Steep Slope	5		Turn Angles	;		Span Length	n	Ot	her Linear Ut	ilities	Parallelin	g Existing Tra	ansmission
Route	Rout Segme		Roi	ute length (i	feet)	Highwa	ay or railroad (count)	crossings	Route leng	th with slope	>20% (feet)	Turn angle	es > 20 degre	ees (count)	Span leng	th in excess (feet)	of 400 feet	Other I	Linear Utiliti Proposed RC	es within)W	Percentag existin	e of line not g transmissio	: paralleling on ROW
	Criteria Group Weight:			35%			35%			35%			35%			35%			35%			35%	
	Criteria Weight:			20%			10%			15%			20%			5%			20%			10%	
	Sub-Criteria Weight:			100%			100%			100%			100%			100%			100%			100%	
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			Value	Normalized	d Velgnied	Value	Normalized	y Weighted	Value	Normalized	Value	Value	Normalized	Value	Value	Normalized	Value	Value	Normalized	d Value	Value	Normalized	d Value
ROUTES					Value			Value			Value			Value			Value			Value			Value
Α	1, 2, 4, 12, 25, 26, 27	1.99	10,506	41	2.85	4	100	3.50	1926	42	2.19	10	43	3.00	517	100	1.75	5280.7	30	2.08	51.0	49	1.73
С	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.37	12,516	92	6.42	2	0	0.00	2335	59	3.11	17	93	6.50	285	44	0.77	7511.4	77	5.39	85.1	89	3.11
D	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.37	12,535	92	6.46	2	0	0.00	2095	49	2.57	18	100	7.00	285	44	0.77	6518.2	56	3.92	91.6	96	3.38
E	1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.43	12,840	100	7.00	2	0	0.00	2296	58	3.03	16	86 70	6.00	285	44	0.77	6190.3	49	3.43	85.5	89	3.13
G	1 2 5 7 12 25 26 27	1.69	8 901	07	0.00	4	100	3.50	1978	47	2.40	4	0	0.00	334	56	0.98	4920.9	20	1.30	8.6	70	0.00
I	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	10,911	51	3.57	2	0	0.00	2387	62	3.23	11	50	3.50	102	0	0.00	7044.0	67	4.70	55.5	55	1.91
J	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.07	10,930	52	3.61	2	0	0.00	2147	51	2.69	12	57	4.00	102	0	0.00	6050.7	46	3.22	63.0	63	2.21
K	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.13	11,235	59	4.15	2	0	0.00	2348	60	3.14	10	43	3.00	102	0	0.00	5722.8	39	2.74	56.8	56	1.96
L	1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	10,815	49	3.40	2	0	0.00	2108	50	2.60	9	36	2.50	102	0	0.00	4461.5	12	0.87	62.6	63	2.20
N	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.02	10,646	44	3.10	4	100	3.50	1832	38	1.98	10	14 F7	1.00	334	56	0.98	5908.2	43	3.01	42.9	40	1.39
P	1 2 5 6 9 14 15 19 20 23 24	2.08	10,976	53	3.09	2	0	0.00	1657	30	2.13	12	64	4.00	102	0	0.00	5465.9	34	2.36	83.4	87	3.04
Q	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.14	11,300	61	4.26	2	0	0.00	1858	39	2.04	11	50	3.50	102	Ő	0.00	5138.0	27	1.87	76.7	79	2.77
R	1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.06	10,880	50	3.52	2	0	0.00	1618	29	1.50	10	43	3.00	102	0	0.00	3876.7	0	0.00	83.2	87	3.03
T	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.16	11,414	64	4.47	2	0	0.00	1231	12	0.63	14	71	5.00	102	0	0.00	7118.4	69	4.81	76.9	79	2.78
U	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.17	11,433	64	4.50	2	0	0.00	991	2	0.09	15	79	5.50	102	0	0.00	6125.2	48	3.34	84.0	88	3.07
<u>V</u>	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.22	11,738	72	5.04	2	0	0.00	1192	10	0.54	13	64	4.50	102	0	0.00	5797.3	41	2.85	77.6	80	2.80
W	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.14	11,318	61	4.30	2	100	0.00	952	07	0.00	12	57	4.00	102	0	0.00	4536.0	14	0.98	83.9	87	3.06
AC	1 3 8 9 14 15 19 20 22 27	2.23	12 125	82	5.73	2	0	0.00	3284	100	5.25	17	93	6.50	102	0	0.98	8525.8	99	6.90	88.0	92	3.23
AF	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.30	12,144	82	5.76	2	0	0.00	3043	90	4.71	18	100	7.00	102	0	0.00	7532.6	77	5.42	94.6	100	3.50
AG	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 22, 27	2.36	12,449	90	6.31	2	0	0.00	3245	98	5.16	16	86	6.00	102	0	0.00	7204.7	71	4.94	88.3	93	3.24
AH	1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.28	12,029	79	5.56	2	0	0.00	3004	88	4.62	15	79	5.50	102	0	0.00	5943.3	44	3.07	94.6	100	3.50
AI	1, 3, 10, 14, 13, 12, 25, 26, 27	2.27	11,988	78	5.49	4	100	3.50	3013	88	4.64	8	29	2.00	334	56	0.98	8596.0	100	7.00	59.1	59	2.05
AK	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 22, 27	2.07	10,934	52	3.61	2	0	0.00	2361	60	3.17	14	/1	5.00	102	0	0.00	///3.8	83	5.78	86.7	91	3.17
AL	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24	2.08	11,980	53	3.70	2	0	0.00	2121	50	2.03	15	64	2.50	102	0	0.00	6/52.7	55	4.31	93.8	99	3.47
AN	1, 3, 10, 15, 19, 21, 24	2.05	10,838	49	3.44	2	0	0.00	2082	48	2.54	12	57	4.00	102	Ö	0.00	5191.3	28	1.95	94.0	99	3.47
Min			8901			2			952			4			102			3876.7			8.6		
Max			12840			4			3284			18			517			8596.0			94.6		
Range			3939			2			2331			14			415			4719.3			86.0		
	Criteria Description:		Length	determine	by route				Slopes w	ere derived f	rom Lidar	Turn ang	les were me	asured at	Crossing a	river, highw	ay, or other						
				centerline					elevation	i data. Eleva	ation data	each poin	it of inflection	n along the	access-lim	nited area. T	his number						
									was conve	erted into pe	rcent slope		route.			should be							
									and then	summarized	by if it was				length in f	eet of span	exceeding						
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Figure No. 8 Title
Preferred Route
Client/Project 1937086 Duke Energy Kentucky Hebron to Oakbrook 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Project Location Prepared by PM on 2022-08- Boone Co., Kentucky IR by BT on 2021-11- IR by TR on 2022-09-
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Legend ▲ Duke-owned Existing Substation ~ Duke-owned Existing 69 kV Transmission Line ~ Duke-owned Existing 138 kV Transmission Line ~ Foreign Owned Existing Transmission Line ● Hebron to Oakbrook Preferred Route Centerline ● Proposed ROW ● Parcels Impacted by Project (Duke Unq. ID) ● Parcel Boundary
*Exhibit reflects parcels impacted by anticipated ROW associated with preferred route at the time of CPCN submission. Image: Comparison of CPCN submission Image: Comparison of CPCN submission
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

The Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct A 138-kV Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in Boone County (Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project)

Case No. 2022-00364

Verified Statement in Accordance with 807 KAR 5:120, Section 2(3)

Dawn M. Fuller, Senior Stakeholder Engagement Manger, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. The statements contained in this verification are based upon my personal knowledge, or my review of the records of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. within the purview of my duties for the Company.

2. The records of the Boone County Property Valuation Administrator, except as corrected or updated upon landowner contact or other research, located within the filing corridor (including the currently proposed right-of-way) for Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project will cross the property owned by the persons listed in Exhibit 12 of the Application.

3. On November 10, 2022 the persons in Exhibit 12 were mailed the notice as required by 807 KAR 5:120, Section 2(3)(a) – (e):

A verified statement that, according to county property valuation administrator records, each property owner over whose property the transmission line right-ofway is proposed to cross has been sent by first-class mail, addressed to the property owner at the owner's address as indicated by the county property valuation administrator records, or hand delivered:

(a) Notice of the proposed construction;

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- (b) The commission docket number under which the application will be processed and a map showing the proposed route of the line;
- (c) The address and telephone number of the executive director of the commission;
- (d) A description of his or her rights to request a local public hearing and to request to intervene in the case; and
- (e) A description of the project.
- 4. The form of the notice mailed is attached in Exhibit 12.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

full Dawn M. Fuller

STATE OF OHIO

)) SS **COUNTY OF HAMILTON**

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State,

by Dawn M. Fuller this 23^{n} day of March 2023.

Notary Public My Commission Expires:

ROCCO O. D'ASCENZO ATTORNEY AT LAW Notary Public, State of Ohie Commission Has No Expira Section 147.03 R.C

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EX552 | 315 Main St Cincinnati, OH 45202 duke-energy.com



November 10, 2022



Project Reference: Hebron to Oakbrook Reliability Project, Notice of Proposed Electric Transmission Line Construction Project

Dear Property Owner:

As you are probably aware, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy) is proposing a new electric transmission line project in Boone County. We are contacting you as part of the process to file an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Kentucky Public Service Commission. This project involves the approximate 2.1-mile construction of a new transmission line starting from Hebron Substation at 2139 Graves Road, in Hebron, Ky., to Route 237.

You are receiving this notice because county property records indicate either the proposed transmission line right-of-way crosses your property, or you own property within the filing corridor.

1. The construction of the proposed transmission line between the Hebron Substation and Route 237 involves the following work:

- The construction of approximately 2.1 miles of transmission line with capacity for 138-kV but will initially be operated at 69-kV.
- The transmission line will be supported by approximately 40 steel poles with an average above-ground height of 80-100 feet.
- The distance between poles will run an average of 200 to 400 feet.
- Right-of-way width for the project is anticipated to be 70 feet when the line is running parallel and adjacent to a public road, and 100 feet when the line is running cross-country.
- To enable the safe operation of the line, the required right-of-way width and location of the centerline will be finalized during the detailed engineering design and construction phases, and will be discussed in land rights negotiations with landowners.

The project is described as Case No. 2022-00364 on the Kentucky Public Service Commission's website at https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2022-00364/

2. Enclosed is a map that shows the route of the proposed transmission line.

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3. The Kentucky Public Service Commission will process Duke Energy's application under Case No. 2022-00364.

Contact information for the Executive Director of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

Linda Bridwell, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602 502.564-3940 800.772.4636

Duke Energy anticipates filing its application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission on or after November 28, 2022. The application when filed may be viewed under Case No. 2022-00364 on the commission's website at https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2022-00364.

4. You have the right to submit a timely written request for intervention in Case No. 2022-00364. The motion must be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40602, and must establish the grounds for your request to intervene, including your status and the nature of your interest in the proceeding. Please see 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4 (11) at http://kyrules.elaws.us/rule/807kar5:001 for additional information regarding the requirements and procedure for requesting intervention. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11) may be accessed at http://kyrules.elaws.us/rule/807kar5:001.

If no request for intervention is received within 30 days of the filing of the application, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may take final action on the application. The request for intervention should reference Case No. 2022-00364.

5. You also have the right to request a local public hearing regarding the application and the proposed 69-kV transmission line and related work. The requirements for requesting a local public hearing are described in 807 KAR 5:120, Section 3. See http://kyrules.elaws.us/rule/807kar5:120 for additional information.

6. Written comments may also be filed at the above address, or by sending an email to the commission's public information officer at **psc.info@ky.gov**. The comments should reference Case No. 2022-00364.

7. Project updates may also be found on the Duke Energy Hebron to Oakbrook Reliability Project website at <u>duke-energy.com/hebron</u>.

Sincerely,

Duke Energy

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Hebron to Oakbrook Mailing List

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November 10, 2022



Project Reference: Limaburg to Oakbrook Reliability Project, Notice of Proposed Electric Transmission Line Construction Project

Dear Property Owner:

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy) is proposing the rebuild of an existing electric transmission line in Boone County. We are contacting you as part of the process to file an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Kentucky Public Service Commission. This project involves rebuilding an existing 1.5-mile section of a 69-kV transmission line and its associated equipment from Limaburg Substation along Limaburg Road in Hebron, Ky., to Burlington Pike in Burlington, Ky. Part of this project involves building a new transmission line starting from Hebron Substation at 2139 Graves Road, in Hebron, Ky., to Route 237.

You are receiving this notice because county property records indicate either the proposed transmission line right-of-way crosses your property, or you own property within the filing corridor.

- 1. The rebuild of an existing 69-kV transmission line between the Limaburg Substation and Burlington Pike involves the following work:
 - Rebuilding of 1.5 miles of an existing transmission line with capacity for 138-kV but will initially be operated at 69-kV.
 - The rebuilt transmission line will be supported by approximately 54 steel poles with an average above-ground height of 80-100 feet.
 - The distance between poles will run an average of 100 to 300 feet.
 - Additional right-of-way may be required for guy wires and will be determined during the engineering phase of the transmission line.

The project is described as Case No. 2022-00364 on the Kentucky Public Service Commission's website at <u>https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2022-00364/</u>.

2. Enclosed is a map that shows the route of the proposed transmission line rebuild.

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3. The Kentucky Public Service Commission will process Duke Energy's application under Case No. 2022-00364.

Contact information for the Executive Director of the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

Linda Bridwell, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602 502.564-3940 800.772.4636

Duke Energy anticipates filing its application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission on or after November 28, 2022. The application when filed may be viewed under Case No. 2022-00364 on the commission's website at https://psc.ky.gov/Case/ViewCaseFilings/2022-00364.

4. You have the right to submit a timely written request for intervention in Case No. 2022-00364. The motion must be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40602, and must establish the grounds for your request to intervene, including your status and the nature of your interest in the proceeding. Please see 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4 (11) at http://kyrules.elaws.us/rule/807kar5:001 for additional information regarding the requirements and procedure for requesting intervention. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11) may be accessed at http://kyrules.elaws.us/rule/807kar5:001.

If no request for intervention is received within 30 days of the filing of the application, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may take final action on the application. The request for intervention should reference Case No. 2022-00364.

5. You also have the right to request a local public hearing regarding the application and the proposed 69-kV transmission line and related work. The requirements for requesting a local public hearing are described in 807 KAR 5:120, Section 3. See http://kyrules.elaws.us/rule/807kar5:120 for additional information.

6. Written comments may also be filed at the above address, or by sending an email to the commission's public information officer at **psc.info@ky.gov**. The comments should reference Case No. 2022-00364.

7. Project updates may also be found on the Duke Energy Project website at <u>duke-energy.com/hebron</u>.

Sincerely,

Duke Energy

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OWNER1	MAILADDRESS1	MAILCITY	MAILSTATE	PHYSICALADDRESS1	PHYSICALCITY	PHYSICALSTATE
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company) proposes to construct a new 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Boone County, Kentucky (Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project). The Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project involves the approximate two-mile construction of a new 138-kV transmission line and rebuild of a 1.5-mile portion of an existing 69 kV transmission line to 138-kV capacity. The proposed 138-kV transmission line runs east-southeast from the Hebron substation through an industrial complex crossing Interstate 275 to the west of Route 237. After crossing route 275 it runs east to connect to the existing transmission line along Route 237 across the street from the Burger King and Domino's Pizza. The rebuild portion of the transmission line runs south from Limaburg Substation along Limaburg Road in Hebron, Kentucky, to Burlington Pike in Burlington, Kentucky.

The proposed transmission line generally will require a 100-foot-wide right-of-way. Duke Energy Kentucky may also be required to alter the proposed centerline of the Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project and adjacent rights-of-way to address landowner preference or conditions discovered during survey and construction that affect constructability and access.

Duke Energy Kentucky plans to file an application with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky on or soon after March 27, 2023 seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project. The application and the Commission proceeding have been assigned Case No. 2022-00364.

Any interested person, including any person over whose property the proposed transmission line will cross, may request a local public hearing in the county in which the transmission line is proposed to be constructed. The request must be in writing and should be delivered to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The request for local public hearing must be delivered to the Executive Director no later than thirty days after the date the application is filed. The request for local public hearing must comply with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:120, Section 3.

A person may seek to intervene as a party in the Commission proceeding to review Duke Energy Kentucky's application by filing a timely written request for intervention in accordance with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11) and 807 KAR 5:120, Section 3(3).

The application and other filings in connection with Duke Energy Kentucky's application may be accessed at http://psc.ky.gov under Case No. 2022-00364 once filed. Project updates and further information may also be found on the Company's website: www.duke-energy.com/Hebron



A map of the proposed route for the electrical transmission line is shown below.



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Exhibit 15

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

YANTHI W. BOUTWELL

ON BEHALF OF

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE</u>

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Yanthi W. Boutwell, and my business address is 139 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

4 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

I am employed by Duke Energy Business Services, LLC (DEBS) as General
Manager of Midwest Transmission Resource & Project Management. DEBS
provides various administrative and other services to Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.,
(Duke Energy Kentucky or Company) and other affiliated companies of Duke
Energy Corporation (Duke Energy).

10 Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND 11 PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUNDS.

I hold a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from 12 A. 13 the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a Master of Business Administration from Xavier University. I am a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Ohio, 14 Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Alabama. I joined Duke Energy in 2001 and have 15 held various leadership and engineering roles within Transmission Engineering. 16 Prior to joining Duke Energy, I worked as an engineer for Alabama Power 17 Company in Birmingham, Alabama and for Allegheny Power in Greensburg, 18 Pennsylvania. I have design experience in transmission line, substation, Protection 19 & Control, and substation standards. In May of 2019, I became Director of 20 Transmission Resources & Project Management where I was responsible for 21 providing strategic direction relative to project and resource management to the 22

- Transmission Department. In November of 2019, I assumed my current role as
 General Manager of Transmission Resource & Project Management.
- 3 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR DUTIES AS GENERAL MANAGER OF
 4 MIDWEST RESOURCE & PROJECT MANAGEMENT.
- As General Manager of Midwest Resource & Project Management, I am 5 A. responsible for providing strategic direction relative to project and resource 6 7 management to the Transmission Department as it relates to project development 8 and execution, project portfolio management, and project controls. I am 9 accountable for the Midwest portion of the overall Transmission project portfolio 10 with large capital spending that equates to a portfolio of 100's of projects. I play a key role in providing oversight on the Duke Energy Midwest Transmission capital 11 and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) budget. I serve as the department 12 13 management point of contact with other departments and organizations, both internally and externally to the Company as it relates to Midwest Transmission 14 15 projects.

16 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE KENTUCKY 17 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION?

A. Yes. I previously provided testimony in support of the Company's Applications for
Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity in Case Nos. 2019-00251 and
20 2019-00361.

1 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS 2 PROCEEDING?

A. I am testifying in support of Duke Energy Kentucky's application for a certificate
of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to build the Hebron to Oakbrook
Transmission Line Project (the Project). In doing so, I provide an overview of the
Project, Project need, details on Project components, and details the Company's
compliance with the notice requirements for this proceeding. Finally, I sponsor
Confidential Exhibit 4 and Exhibits 6, 11, 12, 13, and 14 to the Company's
Application.

II. OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND SUMMARY OF NEED

Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY'S PROPOSAL IN THIS APPLICATION.

Duke Energy Kentucky is seeking authority to construct and operate a new single 12 A. circuit 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed line connects the existing 13 Duke Energy owned Hebron and Oakbrook Substations via a tie-in with a Duke 14 Energy-owned 69 kV line between the Limaburg and Oakbrook Substations. As 15 more fully explained by Company witness, John Hurd (see Exhibit 16 John K. Hurd 16 17 Testimony), Duke Energy Kentucky is seeking authority to construct and operate a new single circuit 138 kilovolt (kV) capacity transmission line (circuit #6763). The 18 19 new circuit will utilize portions of the existing #15268 circuit 69 kV transmission 20 line and approximately 2.1 linear miles of proposed new transmission line. To 21 accommodate the new circuit, the current three-terminal circuit at the Hebron 22 Substation will be split into two two-terminal circuits. One terminal circuit (#6523)

1	will serve Hebron to Oakbrook and the other circuit (#15268) will serve Hebron to
2	Constance. As part of the Project, approximately 1.5 miles of the existing circuit
3	#15268 will be rebuilt in place to 138 kV capacity. Once the rebuild is complete,
4	the new circuit (#6763) will connect the Hebron and Oakbrook Substations and the
5	existing circuit (#15268) will connect the Hebron and Constance Substations. The
6	new circuit will be energized to 69 kV initially with future plans to energize to 138
7	kV. The individual portions of the Project are described in Exhibit 16 (John K. Hurd
8	Testimony). As a result of the new circuit, the portion of circuit #15268 that
9	currently feeds the Oakbrook Substation will be retired. The retirement is discussed
10	in further detail below.

11 Q. IN WHAT COUNTY IS THE PROJECT LOCATED?

12 A. The Project will be in Boone County, Kentucky.

13 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PATH OF THE PROPOSED NEW CIRCUIT 14 #6763 138-kV TRANSMISSION LINE.

The Project location is shown in Exhibit 1. The proposed line begins at the Hebron 15 A. Substation, located west of the industrial/commercial complex along Graves Road. 16 The route exits the substation to the east, follows the existing transmission line 17 corridor and then turns south along Worldwide Boulevard. The route then crosses 18 Worldwide Boulevard and continues south to cross Interstate 275. Once across 19 20 Interstate 275, the route turns east, bisecting a parcel before following a parcel line 21 and then crossing Litton Lane. The route then follows Litton Lane and parcel 22 boundaries east before it crosses Highway 237 to meet the existing transmission 23 line where it travels south to the Oakbrook Substation completing circuit #6763.

1 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT AND WHY IS IT 2 NECESSARY?

A. Duke Energy Kentucky is proposing to construct and operate a new single circuit 3 138 kV transmission line (circuit #6763). The new circuit includes construction of 4 a new transmission line and rebuild of approximately 1.5 miles of the existing 5 circuit. The purpose of the Project is to reinforce Duke Energy Kentucky's 6 7 transmission system that supplies the Company's service area west and south of the 8 Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). Aero Substation is the 9 source of supply to the Amazon Air Hub as well as other loads in the area west and 10 south of CVG. Duke Energy Kentucky has recently completed several projects to supply the Aero Substation via a 138 kV line extension to Aero from the 11 12 Woodspoint Substation. As part of this recent effort to reinforce the system, Aero Substation was connected at 138 kV to the Oakbrook Substation, where it was tied 13 into the existing 69 kV system west of CVG via the installation of a 138-69 kV 14 transformer. This configuration of connection between the Aero and Oakbrook 15 substations enables the 138 kV source from Woodspoint through Aero to support 16 the 69 kV system, and also provides a source to Aero in the event that the 17 18 Woodspoint to Aero circuit experiences an interruption or is otherwise unavailable 19 for service. The existing 69 kV system has limited capacity to support the loads 20 supplied from Oakbrook and Aero if the Woodspoint to Aero 138 kV circuit is 21 unavailable. Based on recent load growth trends, it appears that the current system 22 will not be able to supply all Oakbrook and Aero loads by the summer of 2025. The 69 kV system also has limited capacity to support expected load growth in the 23
region to be supplied from the planned new Litton substation. The proposed new
circuit #6763 will provide sufficient capacity such that load requirements of the
area can be met without risk of overload. The upgraded system will have sufficient
capacity to meet the projected requirements of the area for several years.
Constructing the new line portions for future operation at 138 kV will facilitate
increasing the capacity to the area when the area load exceeds the capacity that can
be provided at 69 kV.

8 Q. WHEN IS THE PROPOSED IN-SERVICE DATE FOR THE PROJECT?

9 A. The proposed in-service date for the Project is December 31, 2025.

10 Q. COULD DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY RELIABLY SERVE THE 11 ANTICIPATED NEW LOAD IN THE AREA WITHOUT THE PROJECT?

No. The existing and planned electric infrastructure in the area would not reliably 12 A. 13 support the future load, including that of the Amazon Prime Air Hub facility. 14 Without this Project, it is anticipated that a low-capacity section of an existing 69 kV circuit will be susceptible to overload during high-load and or other system 15 conditions. This susceptibility will require placing the system in a radial 16 configuration any time it is determined that the overload would occur for a 17 reasonably foreseeable event. This will subject various substations and the 18 19 customers supplied from them to interruption for events that would otherwise not 20 result in interruption, or to longer interruption rather than brief interruption.

Q. COULD THE SERVICE TO BE FURNISHED BY THE PROJECT BE REASONABLY PROVIDED BY REBUILDING AN EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINE OR EXTENDING SERVICE FROM AN EXISTING SUBSTATION?

A. The low-capacity section of an existing 69 kV circuit is approximately 5 miles in
length and is routed through a heavily developed residential area. Rebuilding this
section to provide the needed capacity would have much greater impacts to the
public than the proposed project. It would also not provide the same capacity
benefits to the local system, nor the possibility to meet future needs via upgrade to
138 kV.

11 Q. WHY WILL THE NEW LINE SECTION BE CONSTRUCTED TO ALLOW 12 FOR FUTURE CONVERSION TO 138 KV OPERATION?

13 A. The capacity needs of the area can reliably be met by operating the new facilities at 69 kV. Continued operation at 69 kV minimizes the amount of work required to 14 supply the area load requirements for the foreseeable future. However, Duke 15 Energy Kentucky anticipates that the load in this area has the potential to increase 16 such that 69 kV supply will become inadequate at some point. The Company feels 17 18 that it would be wasteful of resources and more impactful to the public to build the 19 new facilities capable of operation at only 69 kV and then return in 5 or 10 years 20 and have to essentially completely rebuild the same facilities to upgrade to 21 operation at 138 kV.

III. PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

A. <u>Transmission Line</u>

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED NEW TRANSMISSION LINE PORTION OF THE PROJECT IN MORE DETAIL.

A. Duke Energy Kentucky proposes to construct approximately 2-miles of new single
circuit 138 kV transmission line in Boone County, Kentucky. The new line will
connect the existing Hebron Substation with the Oakbrook Substation via a tie-in
with a Duke Energy-owned 69 kV line along North Bend Road. The new electrical
transmission line will have approximately 34 galvanized steel monopoles installed
in private easements.

9 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE AREA THE PROPOSED LINE WILL 10 TRAVERSE.

The area of the proposed line is located in the City of Francisville, Kentucky, and 11 A. the City of Hebron, Kentucky. The area is relatively hilly, with steep slopes (>20%) 12 surrounding much of the existing infrastructure. It is characterized by mixed 13 industrial and commercial development, interspersed by vacant wooded lots, and 14 residential areas. Existing development includes the Boone County public library, 15 16 suburban housing development, warehouse facilities, Hebron Fire Protection District Station 2, Children's House Hebron, medical facilities, storage facilities, 17 18 restaurants, and other retail buildings. Major travel corridors include Interstate 275, 19 State Route 237, and Graves Road. Buried utilities, including water, sanitary sewer, 20 storm sewer, and gas lines are sited along most roadsides and under parking lots in the area. There is one stream, Sand Run, and minimal presence of wetlands and 21

other jurisdictional waters or water features. Woodlots are present in the northern
 portion of the area, along Sand Run, and throughout vacant lots in the southern
 portion of the area.

4 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PRINCIPAL TYPES OF STRUCTURES THAT 5 WILL BE USED FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE.

A. Structure types and numbers will be determined during final engineering, which
includes ground survey and geotechnical studies, and will depend upon terrain
crossed, spans, turning angles, and other engineering considerations. Based upon
preliminary engineering, the Company anticipates approximately 26 foundation
based galvanized steel poles and 50 direct embedded galvanized steel poles will be
required for the project. It is anticipated that angle and dead-end structures will
utilize either guy wires and anchors or foundations.

13 Q. WHAT ARE THE PROJECTED HEIGHTS OF THE STRUCTURES THAT

14 WILL BE ERECTED AS PART OF THE PROJECT?

A. The structure heights will vary depending on placement, terrain, and clearance
requirements. The transmission engineering design has the average height above
ground at approximately 80 feet.

18 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPES OF CONDUCTORS THAT WILL BE 19 USED FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE.

A. The proposed structures will have one 138 kV transmission circuit supporting a
total of three phase conductors and one overhead ground/shield wire. In addition,
the design incorporates potential distribution under build to further enhance the

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1		distribution system in some of the locations. The phase conductors will utilize 954			
2		kcmil aluminum conductor steel-reinforced (ACSR) conductor.			
3	Q.	WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN WORK			
4		FOR THE HEBRON TO OAKBROOK 138-kV TRANSMISSION LINE?			
5	A.	Engineering and design work are ongoing and will be finalized once surveying and			
6		property rights are obtained. Duke Energy Kentucky has hired a contractor to			
7		perform surveys on underground utilities based on the commercial area. Structures			
8		may require minor field changes to accommodate any additional identified utility			
9		during construction.			
10	Q.	WHAT IS THE WIDTH OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE PROPOSED			
11		LINE?			
12	A.	Where the proposed transmission line is cross country, the standard right-of-way			
13		for new lines is 100 feet. Where the proposed transmission line parallels an existing			
14		road right-of-way, the right-of-way guidelines for new lines is 70 feet.			
15	Q.	WILL THE PROPOSED LINE'S RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCEED 100 FEET IN			
16		SOME CIRCUMSTANCES?			
17	A.	No. It is not anticipated that a greater right-of-way width will be needed.			
18	Q.	WHAT RIGHT-OF-WAY ACTIVITIES HAS DUKE ENERGY			
19		KENTUCKY UNDERTAKEN TO DATE?			
20	A.	Letters announcing the preferred route have been sent to property owners within			
21		125 feet of the selected route notifying them of the placement of the line within or			
22		near their property. This letter included the 10-day notification in compliance with			
23		KRS 416.560(4) which has allowed engineering, testing, and surveying to proceed			

with site visits to gather additional details to continue the design of the route. A bid
 event is in progress for selecting a land acquisition vendor to start contacting
 property owners in early 2023.

4 Q. DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY FILED MAPS ILLUSTRATING THE 5 CENTERLINE OF THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE AS EXHIBIT 6 8 TO ITS APPLICATION. COULD THAT CENTERLINE CHANGE?

7 A. Yes. However, no change is anticipated at the time of filing, but discussions with 8 property owners during the easement acquisition process could result in the 9 adjustment of the centerline. Duke Energy Kentucky will work with property 10 owners to minimize impacts and accommodate preferences to the extent practical. Underground utilities could shift the centerline slightly during final engineering and 11 12 construction. The proposed centerline of the right-of-way for the new portion of the 13 transmission line is shown on Exhibit 8. The centerline for the rebuild portion of the Project will likely not change, see Exhibit 10. Duke Energy Kentucky seeks 14 authority to place the centerline and associated right-of-way in the filing corridor if 15 required based on field conditions encountered. 16

17 Q. WHAT IS THE WIDTH OF THE FILING CORRIDOR?

A. The width of the Filing Corridor is 200 feet. This corridor would allow for 50 feet
on either side of the proposed right-of-way to account for adjustments required
during finalized negotiations with landowners and access needs. This does not
include construction access if alternative access is required.

B. <u>Construction</u>

1	Q.	WHEN DOES DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY PROPOSE TO BUILD THE		
2		TRANSMISSION LINE IF THE CERTIFICATE IS GRANTED?		
3	A.	Construction on the line would begin in Fall of 2024 pending easement acquisition.		
4		The line is scheduled to be energized by end of 2025 and restoration of these		
5		construction areas will continue into spring of 2026. Retirement of the current 69kV		
6		structures will occur throughout 2026.		
7	Q.	WILL THE COMPANY NEED TO OBTAIN ANY PERMITS FOR		
8		CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT?		
9	A.	Yes. There are several permits that Duke Energy Kentucky has or is in the process		
10		of obtaining. Duke Energy Kentucky witness John K. Hurd fully describes the		
11		required permits in his Direct Testimony (Exhibit 16).		
12		Duke Energy Kentucky has active electric franchises in many of the		
13		communities that will be affected by the electric transmission line construction. It		
14		is my understanding that those franchises are filed with the Commission. To the		
15		extent any of these local communities require additional construction permitting,		
16		the Company will follow those local rules and work with the communities to obtain		
17		any and all necessary permits prior to beginning actual construction.		
18	Q.	PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW THE COMPANY WILL EXECUTE		
19		AND COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE PROJECT.		
20	A.	Duke Energy Kentucky will use both Company and contractor crews where		
21		appropriate to complete this Project. If contractor crews are deployed, awarding of		
22		contracts will be accomplished through Company contractors that have		

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- successfully accomplished work in prior construction projects. Duke Energy
 Kentucky will use industry standard equipment, materials, and designs to construct
 the Project in accordance with the work specifications.
- 4 Q. IS DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY SEEKING DISCRETION TO LOCATE
 5 THE TRANSMISSION LINE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHIN THE
 6 PROPOSED FILING CORRIDOR?
- A. Duke Energy Kentucky is seeking authority to move the electric transmission line
 and associated right-of-way only within the indicated Filing Corridor.
- 9 Q. WILL THE COMMISSION BE INFORMED OF THE FINAL LOCATION
 10 OF THE LINE AND THE ADJACENT RIGHTS-OF-WAY?
- A. Yes. Duke Energy Kentucky will file with the Commission a revised plan showing
 the location of the proposed line and structures upon the completion of construction.

13 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSMISSION

14 LINE.

Construction of the transmission line will start with installation of erosion and 15 A. sediment controls followed by tree clearing and vegetation removal along the 16 proposed right-of-way. Once the site is cleared, access roads will be installed as 17 18 needed. Since the proposed route is along established roads and near stable surfaces 19 these may be utilized, and public roads could be used. A drill rig will set up at each 20 location to dig the hole for each structure. Some structures will be directed 21 embedded, and others will have concrete foundations requiring concrete trucks 22 come to the site to pour concrete into the hole and cure prior to the structure being 23 erected. Structures are then erected with cross arms and pullies installed. After all

1		structures are set, pull ropes will be strung through each pulley for conductors to be		
2		strung. Once conductor is pulled in insulators will be installed with the conductor		
3		clipped in. After the line is energized and work is complete, the site will be restored.		
4	Q.	WILL ANY EQUIPMENT OR INFRASTRUCTURE BE RETIRED AS		
5		PART OF THE PROJECT?		
6	A.	Yes. As a result of the new circuit, the portion of existing circuit #6763 that		
7		currently feeds the Oakbrook Substation will be retired. Approximately 6 miles of		
8		this circuit will be retired from the Oakbrook Substation along KY 18 south towards		
9		I-71/75 along Weaver Road. The transmission conductor and insulators will be		
10		removed, and the poles will be cut to allow the distribution circuits on the poles to		
11		remain. Figure 14 depicts the retirement of circuit #6763.		
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12	Q.	DID DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY COMPLY WITH THE		
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1 Q. DID THE NOTICE CONTAIN THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 807

2 KAR 5:120, SECTION 2(3)(A)-(E)?

3 A. Yes. The form of the notice is attached to the application as Exhibit 12.

4 Q. DID DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY PUBLISH THE REQUIRED NOTICE

5 IN THE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD?

6 A. Yes. A copy of the notice and publication affidavit is provided as Exhibit 13.

V. FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT

7 Q. WHAT IS THE PROJECTED COST OF THE PROJECT?

A. The overall Project is estimated to cost approximately \$34 million. That sum
comprises the construction of the overhead line, including right-of-way acquisition
and the retirement of a portion of existing circuit #6763. Costs are summarized in
Exhibit 6.

12 Q. DOES THE \$34 MILLION COST ESTIMATE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND

13 SET OUT IN THE APPLICATION REPRESENT A FIXED AND FINAL 14 COST?

A. No. The \$34 million provided in Exhibit 6 is based on a Class 4 estimate that
represents plus 50 percent and minus 30 percent. This estimate will be further
refined once engineering is finalized and prior to start of construction. The final
cost for the Project will not be known until all work is complete and the right-ofway is restored.

1 Q. WHAT IS THE PROJECTED COST OF OPERATION FOR THE

2 **PROPOSED FACILITIES AFTER THEY ARE COMPLETED?**

A. Duke Energy Kentucky projects the annual operating cost will be on average
approximately \$10,000 for general maintenance and inspection.

VI. <u>REVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND STAKEHOLDER INPUT</u>

5 Q. IS THE PROJECT DENOMINATED BASELINE OR SUPPLEMENTAL 6 PJM INTERCONNECTION LLC?

7 A. This will be considered a Supplemental Project. PJM Supplemental Project Number
8 s1782.1.

9 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT BEING A SUPPLEMENTAL PJM PROJECT 10 MEANS.

A. Supplemental projects are expansions of the system that do not address reliability
criteria, but other needs. This need includes items like equipment condition,
performance and risk, operational flexibility and efficiency, infrastructure
resilience, and customer service. The driver for this Project is customer service and
being able to meet a customer's schedule for when it will need electric service.

16 Q. IS DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY RELYING ON THE PJM REVIEW OF

17 THE PROJECT TO DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR THE PROJECT?

A. No. As a supplemental project, the project is justified by Duke Energy Kentucky to
 meet internal criteria, in this case provision of service to retail customers. PJM
 performed a "do-no-harm" analysis to determine if the proposed project could
 necessitate any other system projects or modifications and none were found which
 were not already anticipated by Duke Energy Kentucky.

Q. HAVE RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS BEEN AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE?

4 A. Yes. Duke Energy Kentucky has consulted with stakeholders using formal
5 correspondence with regulatory agencies, in person meetings with local officials,
6 two virtual open houses for landowners and other members of the community, and
7 an online mapping, toll-free hotline, and comment website.

VII. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

8 Q. WERE EXHIBITS 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, AND 14 PREPARED UNDER YOUR 9 DIRECTION AND CONTROL?

10 A. Yes.

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11 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT 4.

- 12 A. Confidential Exhibit 4 are Duke Energy in the Midwest (Duke Energy Indiana,
- Duke Energy Kentucky, and Duke Energy Ohio) standard structure details for 138kV electrical structures. Final engineering would use a combination of these
- 15 standard structures to construct the line.

16 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 6.

17 A. Exhibit 6 includes the breakdown of the estimated projects costs.

18 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 11.

A. Exhibit 11 includes a verified statement that, according to county property
 valuation administrator records, each property owner over whose property the
 transmission line right-of-way is proposed to cross has been sent by first-class mail,

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addressed to the property owner at the owner's address as indicated by the county

property valuation administrator records, or hand delivered, a letter notifying them
of the proposed transmission line, where to obtain more information, and their
rights to submit written comments, requests for intervention, and/or a public
hearing.

5 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 12.

A. Exhibit 12 includes a sample copy of the notice provided to a property owner and
a list of the names and addresses of the property owners to whom the notice has
been sent.

9 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 13.

A. Exhibit 13 includes a copy of the notice of the intent to construct the proposed
transmission line that has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in
the county or counties in which the construction is proposed.

13 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 14.

- A. Exhibit 14 shows the current transmission components in the area as well as the
 Project components on an aerial map. This exhibit shows where the Project is
 located in association with other existing Duke Energy transmission lines.
- 17 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY?
- 18 A. Yes.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO) SS:) **COUNTY OF HAMILTON**)

The undersigned, Yanthi W. Boutwell, General Manager Transmission Resource & Project Management, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and that it is true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Manthi W. Boutwell Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Yanthi W. Boutwell on this 2202 day of March_, 2023.

Velo Suoli NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: JUNY 8,2027



EMILIE SUNDERMAN Notary Public State of Ohio My Comm. Expires July 8, 2027

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Exhibit 16

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

The Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct A 138 kV Transmission Line In Boone County (Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project))

Case No. 2022-00364

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

JOHN K. HURD

ON BEHALF OF

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE</u>

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is John K. Hurd, and my business address is 139 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

4 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I am employed by Duke Energy Business Services, LLC (DEBS) as the Director of
Stakeholder Engagement. DEBS provides various administrative and other services
to Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company) and other
affiliated companies of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy).

9 Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND 10 AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

11 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Geography in 2004 and a 12 Master's degree in Geography in 2007 from the University of Cincinnati. I received 13 a certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) from the University of 14 Cincinnati in 2006. In 2014 I was certified as a Geographic Information Systems 15 Professional (GISP) from the GIS Certificate Institute (GISCI). I began my 16 professional career at URS Corporation as a GIS analyst supporting the siting and 17 permitting of electric and gas utility projects. In 2007, I become a project manager 18 at URS Corporation leading the siting and permitting of transmission line and 19 substation projects. In 2012, I joined CH2M Hill as a project manager for siting and 20 permitting transmission line and substations and in 2013 became a GIS manager. I 21 joined Duke Energy as a Transmission Siting Specialist in 2018 and was promoted 22 to a Lead Transmission Siting Manager in 2019. In 2023 I was promoted to the

1 Director of Stakeholder Engagement for Ohio and Kentucky.

2 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF

- 3 **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT.**
- A. I am responsible for leading the team of engagement managers for Ohio and
 Kentucky. In my Lead Transmission Siting Manager position I was responsible for
 leading the siting and routing studies needed for new or relocated substations and
 transmission lines in Duke Energy's Midwest Territory, which includes Kentucky,
 Ohio, and Indiana.
- 9 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE KENTUCKY
 10 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION?
- A. Yes. I recently provided testimony in support of the Company's Applications in
 Case No. 2019-00251 and No. 2019-00361.

13 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS 14 PROCEEDING?

15 Α. I am testifying in support of Duke Energy Kentucky's application for a certificate 16 of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to build the Hebron to Oakbrook 17 Transmission Line Project (the Project). In doing so, I describe the methodology 18 used by Duke Energy Kentucky in conducting the siting study that was used to 19 identify and evaluate the various transmission line route alternatives. I describe the 20 results and conclusions of the siting study as well as the basis for the recommended 21 proposed route. Finally, I sponsor Exhibits 1, 2, 3,7, 8, 9, and 10 to the Company's 22 Application, which I describe below.

II. <u>THE SITING STUDY</u>

A. OVERVIEW

Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT AND ITS PURPOSE.

3 A. Duke Energy Kentucky is seeking authority to construct and operate a new single 4 circuit 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (circuit #6763; the Project). The new 5 circuit will utilize portions of the existing #15268 circuit 69 kV transmission line 6 and approximately 2.1 linear miles of proposed new transmission line. To 7 accommodate the new circuit, the current three-terminal circuit at the Hebron 8 Substation will be split into two two-terminal circuits. One terminal circuit (#6523) 9 will connect the Hebron Substation to the Oakbrook Substation and the other circuit 10 (#15268) will connect the Hebron Substation to the Constance Substation. The 11 proposed new transmission line will connect the Company's existing Hebron 12 Substation to the existing #15268 circuit creating circuit #6763. After the 13 connection of the new transmission line, new circuit #6763 will follow the existing 14 #15268 circuit to the existing Oakbrook Substation (Exhibit 1). As part of the 15 Project, approximately 1.5 miles of the existing circuit #15268 will be rebuilt in 16 place to 138 kV capacity. Once the rebuild is complete, the new circuit (#6763) will 17 connect the Hebron and Oakbrook Substations and the existing circuit (#15268) 18 will connect the Hebron and Constance Substations. The new circuit will be 19 energized to 69 kV initially with future plans to energize to 138 kV. The individual 20 portions of the Project are described in more detail below.

As a result of the new #6763 circuit, a portion of circuit #15268 will be
 retired (Exhibit 14). The retirement is discussed in further detail in Exhibit 15
 (Yanthi W. Boutwell Testimony).

4 As more fully explained by Ms. Boutwell, the purpose of the Project is to 5 address expected load growth and reliability concerns within Boone County. This 6 Project will add capacity for future growth in the region, increase reliability by 7 providing alternatives for operations during planned or unexpected outages, allow 8 flexibility for providing critical energy, and help maintain a robust system for 9 supplying and delivering electric service. Future plans to account for expected load 10 growth include energizing the new line to 138 kV. The Project location is shown in 11 Exhibit 1.

Q. PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE REBUILD PORTION OF THE PROJECT.

14 The Project proposes to rebuild approximately 1.5 miles of Duke Energy Kentucky A. 15 owned circuit #15268 in place from the Limaburg Substation south along Limaburg 16 Road in Hebron to Burlington Pike in Burlington (structure HL800). The rebuild 17 will be designed to 138 kV standards but will initially be energized to 69 kV, like 18 the remainder of the new circuit. The rebuild will consist of retiring approximately 19 29 wood poles and 12 light duty steel poles and installing 38 light duty steel poles 20 with distribution under build. The rebuild portion of the Project is shown in Exhibit 21 3.

1 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE REBUILD PORTION OF THE 2 PROJECT

A. The rebuild portion of the Project is required to meet capacity needs and is part of
a larger Duke Energy Kentucky reliability project. This section of the existing
#15268 circuit will have the conductor replaced to increase the capacity. The
portion that is being replaced is currently built to 69 kV standards; however,
because future plans to accommodate expected growth include energizing the new
#6763 circuit to 138 kV.

9 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A SITING STUDY?

A. The purpose of a siting study is to select a preferred route for the new electrical
transmission facility that minimizes impacts to the natural and built environment
while also optimizing Duke Energy Kentucky's business needs. The siting study
methodology can vary depending on the nature of the project and study area (Siting
Study Area).

15 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE SITING STUDY WAS CREATED.

16 A. The first step in the siting study was for the siting team to establish a Siting Study 17 Area for the vicinity of load needs with input from planning on system reliability 18 and to create siting guidelines that served to direct the decision-making process. 19 For this Project, it was determined the Siting Study Area would be a 1.6-square 20 mile area surrounding the existing Hebron Substation, the Graves Road and 21 Interstate 275 interchange, and the Highway 237/North Bend Road and Interstate 22 275 interchange. The Siting Study Area is shown in Exhibit 2 in the Application. A 23 broad array of data was then compiled to help the siting team identify opportunities

1 and constraints for siting the new transmission line. Opportunities and constraints 2 included information on ecology, engineering, land use, and cultural resources in 3 the Siting Study Area. Members of the siting team then created a segment network 4 that could later be combined into route alternatives that minimized impacts to siting 5 constraints and took advantage of siting opportunities. This segment network was 6 viewed in the field from public vantage points and opportunities and constraints 7 data were verified at this time to the extent possible. The segment network was then 8 reviewed by the full siting team, updated as necessary, and presented to the public 9 in virtual open houses on March 7, 2022, and March 8, 2022. During the open 10 houses, and for the following 30-day comment period, the siting team received 11 comments from the public. The siting team used this data collection process to 12 create 29 route alternatives for analysis. The analysis consisted of applying weights to criteria considered important to siting electrical transmission lines in this area, 13 14 normalizing the output, and combining the values to establish a single composite 15 score for each route. Following the analysis, the routes were ranked and reviewed 16 along with qualitative criteria, including public feedback and stakeholder 17 correspondence, to determine the preferred route. Each step in this process is further 18 described in the accompanying Transmission Line Route Selection Study is 19 included in Exhibit 7.

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Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE SITING STUDY WAS CREATED?

A. I led the siting study, but the siting team was multidisciplinary, consisting of
 members from Duke Energy Kentucky and Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
 (Stantec) experienced in transmission line siting, planning, engineering,

- 1 construction, permitting, public engagement, project management, real estate, and
- 2 government and community relations.

3 Q. WHAT ENTITIES PARTICIPATED IN THE CREATION AND DATA

4 **COLLECTION FOR THE SITING STUDY?**

5 A. Duke Energy Kentucky and Stantec.

B. <u>NEW 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE</u>

Q. WHAT METHODOLOGY WAS USED TO EVALUATE TRANSMISSION 7 ROUTES IN THE SITING STUDY?

8 A. Duke Energy Kentucky used its standard methodology which includes a
9 quantitative and qualitative evaluations.

10 Q. WHERE IS THE METHODOLOGY EXPLAINED IN THE SITING 11 STUDY?

A. The methodology is explained in Section 2.0 Route Selection Methodology of the
Transmission Line Route Selection Study included in Exhibit 7.

14 Q. WHY DID YOU USE THIS METHODOLOGY?

- A. The siting methodology that Duke Energy Kentucky utilized on this Project was
 able to quickly identify all feasible potential route alternatives. Since the Project
 end points were less than two (2) miles apart and there is considerable development
 in the Siting Study Area, Duke Energy Kentucky was able to reasonably identify
 all feasible route alternatives.
- 20 Other methodologies were considered, such as Kentucky EPRI 21 methodology. Both the Duke Energy Kentucky and the Kentucky EPRI 22 methodologies utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and incorporate a

broad array of criteria that represent the built environment, natural environment,
and engineering considerations. Both rely on input from a multi-disciplinary group
of subject matter experts. Both aim to identify existing linear features to follow as
well as identify cross country alternatives and both methodologies utilize a
quantitative approach to compare route alternatives.

6 One of the differences between the two methodologies is the Kentucky 7 EPRI Methodology utilizes a raster-based GIS process to identify the study area 8 and alternative corridors and for this project the Duke Energy Kentucky siting team 9 identified the study area and route alternatives directly. The EPRI methodology 10 uses a stakeholder group to identify weights while the Duke Energy Kentucky 11 methodology uses direct feedback on the Project, as well as many years of public 12 feedback on similar projects combined with the siting team's subject matter 13 expertise to establish the criteria and weighting. The benefits of the Macro and 14 Alternative Corridor steps in the Kentucky EPRI Methodology are realized on 15 longer transmission lines where defining the study area and identifying alternative 16 corridors are more time consuming and complicated.

17 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE GENERAL STEPS OF THE SITING 18 METHODOLOGY USED IN THE SITING STUDY.

- 19 A. In general, the siting study methodology consisted of six (6) steps:
- 20 1) Establish Siting Study Area and siting guidelines;
- 2) Compile data and map constraints;
- 22 3) Identify a segment network;
- 23 4) Solicit public comments;

- 1 5) Create and analyze route alternatives; and
- 2 6) Select a preferred route.

3 PLEASE DESCRIBE IN MORE DETAIL THE FIRST STEP USED BY THE **O**. SITING TEAM. 4

5 Duke Energy Kentucky's transmission planning group identified that the three-A. 6 terminal circuit at the Hebron Substation could be split into two, two-terminal 7 circuits and allow for separate circuits to provide power from the Hebron Substation 8 to the Oakbrook Substation and from the Hebron Substation to the Constance 9 Substation. It was established that this would be possible by constructing a new 10 transmission line that would connect into the existing circuit #15268 69 kV 11 transmission line.

12 The siting team then began by establishing a Study Area that would provide 13 the opportunity to identify unique route alternatives for the new transmission line 14 (the portion from the Hebron Substation to the tie-in point along the existing 15268 15 line). The siting team then met to create siting guidelines that would steer the 16 decision-making process for the Project. The Siting Study Area is shown on the 17 map in Exhibit 2.

18 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TOPOGRAPHY AND LAND USE FOUND IN 19 THE SITING STUDY AREA.

20 Approximately two thirds of the 1.6-square mile Siting Study Area is located in the A. 21 City of Francisville, Kentucky, with the remainder located in the City of Hebron, 22 Kentucky. The Siting Study Area is relatively hilly, with steep slopes (>20%)surrounding much of the existing infrastructure. The Siting Study Area is 23

1 characterized by mixed industrial and commercial development, interspersed by 2 vacant wooded lots, and residential areas. Existing development includes the Boone 3 County public library, suburban housing development, warehouse facilities, 4 Hebron Fire Protection District Station 2, Children's House Hebron, medical 5 facilities, storage facilities, restaurants, and other retail buildings. Major travel 6 corridors include Interstate 275, State Route 237, and Graves Road. Buried utilities, 7 including water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and gas lines are sited along most 8 roadsides and under parking lots in the Siting Study Area. United States Fish and 9 Wildlife Service National Wetland Inventory (USFWS, NWI) data indicates the 10 presence of one stream, Sand Run, and minimal presence of wetlands and other 11 jurisdictional waters or water features. Woodlots are present in the northern portion 12 of the Siting Study Area, along Sand Run, and throughout vacant lots in the southern portion of the Siting Study Area. 13

14 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SECOND STEP IN THE SITING 15 METHODOLOGY IN MORE DETAIL.

A. Data collection was the second step in the siting methodology. This included a
review of the constraint maps and data collection in the field.

18 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DATA COLLECTION PROCESS AND 19 CONSTRAINTS MAPPING.

A. Members of the siting team collected data on the natural and built environment for
 the Siting Study Area from public data sets, agency correspondence, review of
 aerial photography, and historic maps. Data were compiled in a project GIS. The
 GIS was then used to produce maps that depicted the ecology, engineering, land

use and cultural resource features in the Siting Study Area. The siting lead and
 members of the analysis team conducted field reconnaissance of the Siting Study
 Area on multiple occasions from public vantage points to ground truth constraints
 and opportunities identified during the data collection process.

- 5 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE THIRD STEP IN THE SITING
 6 METHODOLOGY IN MORE DETAIL.
- 7 A. The third step in the siting methodology was to identify siting corridors that 8 minimized impacts to the built and natural environment. The siting team then used 9 these corridors and field review of the Siting Study Area to create a segment 10 network that contained 27 feasible study segments. The siting team held several 11 internal meetings with a multi-disciplinary team of subject matter experts to review 12 and refine the study segments. A detailed field reconnaissance was then conducted 13 to verify adjacent buildings, natural features, and types of data that would later be 14 used in analysis.

15 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FOURTH STEP IN THE SITING 16 METHODOLOGY IN GREATER DETAIL.

A. The fourth step in the siting methodology was to solicit comments from members
of the local community. The siting team then sent an invitation to landowners
within 500 feet of a study segments to attend an informational open house. Two
virtual open houses were held on March 7 and March 8, 2022, and were staffed by
experts in transmission planning, permitting, GIS, siting, engineering, and real
estate. The open houses were designed to solicit comments and to give participants
a broad overview of the purpose and need for the Project, what the Project elements

are proposed to look like, the study segments under consideration, and the proposed
 schedule for construction. Attendees were provided access to interactive mapping
 to provide comments tied to specific parcels. The open house also initiated a 30 day comment period during which community members could provide comment
 by phone, email, or through an online interactive map for the Project.

6 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FIFTH STEP IN THE SITING 7 METHODOLOGY IN GREATER DETAIL.

A. The fifth step in the siting methodology was to combine the study segments into 29
unique routes for analysis. Criteria were weighted based on sensitivity to electrical
transmission line siting and compiled into a single composite score for each route.
Additional qualitative data were also evaluated such as existing and proposed
developments and comments from the public.

13 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SIXTH AND FINAL STEP IN THE SITING 14 METHODOLOGY IN GREATER DETAIL.

15 A. The sixth step in the siting methodology was to select a preferred route. After the 16 analysis was completed, the siting team held multiple internal, multi-disciplinary 17 meeting to review the analysis, discuss qualitative factors not included in the 18 analysis framework, and select a preferred route. The objective of the meeting was 19 to identify the least impactful route that also met the project need including the need 20 for ongoing maintenance and safe operations. The review included both 21 quantitative and qualitative aspects of each route.

Q. WAS THE ENTIRE STUDY AREA AVAILABLE IN CREATING THE ROUTES?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. WHAT OUTREACH WAS PERFORMED DURING THE SITING 5 PROCESS?

A. Stakeholders were consulted using formal and informal correspondence with
regulatory agencies, a public open house for landowners and other members of the
community, and an online mapping, toll-free hotline, and comment website.
Additionally, based on public comments received, Duke Energy Kentucky
conducted further outreach with affected landowners, including Kentucky
Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), as necessary.

12 Q. WERE LANDOWNERS CONTACTED THROUGHOUT THE SITING 13 PROCESS?

A. Yes. Duke Energy Kentucky sent out a public engagement letter to individuals with
property within 500 feet of the route alternatives and requested input on the Project
during a 30-day comment period that began on March 7, 2022.

17 Q. ARE THERE OTHER MEANS BY WHICH PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND

- 18 THE GENERAL PUBLIC MAY LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT
 19 AND PROVIDE INPUT?
- A. Yes. More Project information is available on the Project website (www.dukeenergy.com/Hebron). On the website there is a toll-free phone number and email
- address where officials or the public may ask questions and provide input.

1Q.WAS STAKEHOLDER AND LANDOWNER INPUT TAKEN INTO2CONSIDERATION DURING THE ROUTE SELECTION STUDY?

3 A. Yes. The siting team worked with affected landowners to review study segments 4 and identify issues and alleviate concerns as feasible. Landowner input was 5 considered as part of the preferred route identification. Based on public comments 6 received regarding planned development in the Siting Study Area, Duke Energy 7 Kentucky reached out to and held meetings with affected landowners. One affected 8 landowner informed Duke Energy Kentucky that they were actively constructing 9 new facilities and finalizing plans for further expansion on two parcels along Litton 10 Lane. At the time of the meeting there was active construction on the southern 11 parcel (impacting Segment 20) with plans to develop the eastern parcel (impacting 12 Segment 22) (Exhibit 9). A site visit confirmed the parcel adjacent to Segment 22 13 was under construction. Based on a review of ongoing construction and conceptual 14 site plans provided by the property owner, it was determined that Duke Energy 15 Kentucky would be unable to place their transmission line on their property without 16 significantly impacting business operations and occupied buildings. As a result, 17 Duke Energy Kentucky did not identify any routes which utilized Segments 20 18 and/or 22 as the preferred route.

19Discussions with property owners during easement acquisition process20could result in the adjustment of the centerline and Duke Energy Kentucky will21continue to work with property owners to address concerns as feasible.

III. **RESULTS OF THE STUDY**

1 **Q**. YOU PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT TWENTY-NINE ALTERNATIVE 2 ROUTES WERE DEVELOPED. PLEASE GENERALLY DESCRIBE 3 **THOSE ROUTES.**

4 A. Generally speaking, routes exited the Hebron substation to the east, utilized various 5 routes through the industrial/commercial complex before either continuing east to 6 tie into the existing line north of Interstate 275 and utilize the existing crossing 7 within the clover leaf or turning south to cross Interstate 275 at a new crossing west 8 of the clover leaf. The routes that crossed Interstate 275 west of the clover leaf 9 turned east to tie-in to the existing line at two different tap points. No routes were 10 created that exit the Hebron Substation to the south and then parallel Interstate 275 11 through the Siting Study Area because during the route evaluation process 12 additional information about proposed development was discovered that impacted 13 the route selection process. Eastern Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) publicly 14 announced in May that they had selected a route for a new 69 kV transmission line 15 within the Study Area. In discussions with Duke Energy Kentucky, EKPC indicated 16 that they have started engineering and plan to begin acquiring easements for the 17 new 69 kV transmission line in fall 2022. The proposed EKPC centerline exits the 18 Hebron Substation to the south after which it parallels Interstate 275 through the 19 Siting Study Area (see Figure A-3 in Exhibit 7). This information required the 20 removal of study segments 11, 16, 17, 18 from further consideration because there 21 was not sufficient room to build both the EKPC line and this proposed transmission 22 line along those segments. This reduced the potential route alternatives from 43 to

29. The remaining 29 route alternatives were all considered feasible and were
 evaluated for selection as the preferred route.

After the 29 route alternatives were determined, additional information about proposed development was discovered that impacted the route selection process. It was discovered that an affected property owner started construction along segments 20 and 22 and has plans for more development on those properties that conflicts with the construction of the proposed transmission line. Therefore, based on the qualitative and quantitative review, route alternatives that utilized segments 20, and 22 were not chosen as the preferred route.

10 Route L was selected as the preferred route. Route L begins at the Hebron 11 Substation, located west of the industrial/commercial complex along Graves Road. 12 Route L exits the substation to the east, follows the existing transmission line 13 corridor and then turns south along Worldwide Boulevard. The route then crosses 14 Worldwide Boulevard and continues south to cross Interstate 275. Once across 15 Interstate 275, Route L turns east, bisecting a parcel before following a parcel line 16 and then crossing Litton Lane. The route then follows Litton Lane and parcel 17 boundaries east before it crosses Highway 237 to tie-in to the existing transmission 18 line.

19 Q. WHY WAS THE PREFERRED ROUTE SELECTED?

A. Based on the comprehensive quantitative and qualitative evaluation, Route L was
 selected as the preferred route. This route is approximately 2.1 miles in length.
 While Route L scored 12th out of 29 potential routes, there were numerous
 qualitative factors that resulted in it being selected as the preferred route. It was

1 determined that routes that utilized segments 25 and 26 along North Bend Road 2 north of Interstate 275 would require crossing over the proposed EKPC line along 3 North Bend Road (see Figure A-3 in Exhibit 7). The crossing of the EKPC line in 4 this area would require potential pole heights of 150 to 160' which is near the 5 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) height threshold for Cincinnati/Northern 6 Kentucky International Airport (CVG). The area around segment 12 is very 7 congested with existing utilities and commercial business. It is possible that 8 segment 12 would require engineered poles that could significantly impact the gas 9 station on the east side of North Bend Road (see Figure A6 in Exhibit 7). Routes 10 that utilized segment 19 were identified as beneficial. Segment 19 allows Duke 11 Energy Kentucky to relocate the existing transmission line within KYTC road right 12 of way (ROW) and construct the new line without any new structures within KYTC 13 ROW. Segments 21 and 24 were selected south of Interstate 275 to avoid impacting 14 planned development. The team selected segments 2, 5, 7, 13, and 14, over 15 segments 3 and 10 to utilize the existing transmission corridor and reduce impacts 16 to commercial buildings and existing infrastructure along Worldwide Boulevard.

17 Q. DID ANY AFFECTED LANDOWNERS EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO THE 18 ROUTES CONSIDERED OR SELECTED?

A. Yes. Three of the route segments (20, 21, and 22) were of concern to property
owners (see Exhibit 9). One landowner was concerned with route segment 21
bisecting their property and affecting potential planning for future site expansion
and their property values. Another landowner was concerned with route segments
20 and 22 affecting current and planned construction. The siting team took the

concerns into account during the siting process and worked to avoid impacts to 1 2 concerned landowners. However, design need dictated the need to use the southern 3 routes that would have potential to impact the concerned property owners. Duke 4 Energy met with the property owner that was under active construction to learn 5 more about their current and future development plans and, based on those 6 meetings, determined that a route on their property (utilizing route segments 20 7 and/or 22) was not feasible without directly impacting their development. 8 Therefore, a preferred route using Segment 21 was required. Through the easement 9 acquisition process, Duke Energy Kentucky will continue to work with the property 10 owners to further reduce the impact if feasible.

11 Q. WERE ANY ALIGNMENT SHIFTS REQUIRED FOR THE 12 ALTERNATIVE ROUTES EXAMINED?

A. Yes. Duke Energy made minor revisions to the centerline within the existing transmission corridor and at the southern end of the Preferred Route to maintain a 50-foot clearance from the residential properties located in the southeastern corner of the Siting Study Area.

17 Q. BASED UPON THE EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE SITING TEAM AS

- 18 DESCRIBED ABOVE, DO YOU HAVE ANY OPINION ON THE
- 19 **COMPANY'S PREFERRED ROUTE FOR THE PROJECT?**
- 20 A I believe the Preferred Route is optimal for this Project.

IV. <u>PERMITTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</u>

1Q.WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING OR STUDIES ARE2ANTICIPATED FOR THIS PROJECT?

- A. Duke Energy Kentucky anticipates the following environmental studies, permits,
 and/or approvals for construction of the Project:
- 5 A wetland delineation will be conducted to identify wetlands and 6 waterbodies within the Preferred Route's ROW and the Rebuild portion 7 of the project to determine if there are any jurisdictional features within 8 the ROW. Impacts to jurisdictional streams and wetlands are regulated 9 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by the United States Army Corps of 10 Engineers (USACE) and the Kentucky Energy and Environment 11 Cabinet). Discharges of dredged or fill material into 'waters of the United States' require permits from the USACE under the provisions of Section 12 13 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as well as Section 401 of the CWA, 14 also referred to as Water Quality Certification (WQC) from the KDOW. 15 Coordination is in progress with United States Fish and Wildlife Service 16 (USFWS) on potential impacts to federally-listed threatened and/or 17 endangered species. Utilizing the USFWS Information for Planning and 18 Consultation (IPAC) website, an Official Species List was obtained for 19 the Project on November 4, 2021. Based on this Official Species List, it 20 was determined that there are three (3) federally-listed bat species, ten 21 (10) federally-listed mussel/clam species, and one (1) candidate insect

species that may occur within the Siting Study Area. Required studies
 will be coordinated with the USFWS.

- 3 The Project is anticipated to have more than an acre of land disturbed 4 during construction. As such, a Kentucky Pollutant Discharge 5 Elimination System (KPDES) construction stormwater permit will be 6 required to be obtained prior to initiation of construction activities. A 7 condition of this permit is to develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention 8 Plan (SWPPP) for the Project to show the implementation of best 9 management practices (BMPs) to be utilized during construction. Duke 10 Energy Kentucky will also need to communicate with Sanitation District 11 1 (SD1) and coordinate and obtain other permits as required.
- Based on a Preliminary Cultural Resource Management Review, all
 identified archaeological sites and historical properties within the Siting
 Study Area were determined to be destroyed or ineligible for listing on
 the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Duke Energy Kentucky
 will conduct Consultation with the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) –
 State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) documenting the Preliminary
 Cultural Resource Management Review findings.

In addition to environmental permits, there are engineering permits that will need to be obtained. Due to the proximity of the Project to Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, permit applications will need to be filed with the FAA and KYTC. The aerial crossing of Interstate 275 will require approval from the KYTC and local temporary access permits for driveways along the transmission route.
1 Q. HAVE ANY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS OR STUDIES BEEN

2 **COMPLETED FOR THIS PROJECT?**

3 A. No.

4 Q. DO YOU EXPECT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING ISSUES OR

5 DELAYS TO THE CONSTRUCTION AS A RESULT OF PERMITTING

6 FOR THE TRANSMISSION LINE?

A. Duke Energy Kentucky does not expect any environmental permitting issues or
delays to the construction as a result of permitting for the transmission line.

V. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

9 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 1.

10 A. Exhibit 1 includes a map showing the proposed location of the Project.

11 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 2.

12 A. Exhibit 2 includes a map showing the Project Siting Study Area.

13 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 3.

14 A. Exhibit 3 includes a map showing the proposed Rebuild Area.

15 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 7.

- A. Exhibit 7 includes a copy of the Transmission Line Route Selection Study report
 which describes the siting methodology and results in detail and depicts the full
- 18 description of the route and alternative routes considered for the new line portion
- 19 of the Project. Company's proposal is applicable only in the Company's service
- 20 territory and, as such, the Project will not compete with any other public utilities,
- 21 corporations, or persons.

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1 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 8.

- 2 A. Exhibit 8 shows the proposed route for the new line portion of the Project and the
- 3 impacted parcels.
- 4 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 9.
- 5 A. Exhibit 9 shows the alternative route segments considered as part of the siting
 6 review process.
- 7 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN EXHIBIT 10.
- 8 A. Exhibit 10 shows the proposed rebuild route of the Project and the impacted parcels.
- 9 Q. WERE EXHIBITS 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 PREPARED UNDER YOUR
- 10 **DIRECTION AND CONTROL?**
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY?
- 13 A. Yes.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO)) SS: COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

The undersigned, John Hurd, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and that it is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

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John Hurd Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me by John Hurd on this <u>Z200</u> day of <u>MayCh</u>, 2023.

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My Commission Expires: JUY 8, 2027



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Exhibit 17

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

The Electronic Application of Duke Energy)
Kentucky, Inc. for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to Construct A)
138 kV Transmission Line In Boone County)
(Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project)

Case No. 2022-00364

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

LISA D. STEINKUHL

ON BEHALF OF

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE</u>

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Lisa D. Steinkuhl, and my business address is 139 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

4 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I am employed by Duke Energy Business Services LLC (DEBS) as Director, Rates
and Regulatory Planning for Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy Kentucky
or Company) and Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. DEBS provides various administrative
and other services to Duke Energy Kentucky and other affiliated companies of
Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy).

10 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND 11 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.

I received a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Western Kentucky University 12 A. 13 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. After completing my Bachelor's Degree, I received 14 a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Professional Accountancy from the University 15 of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana. I became a Certified Public Accountant 16 (CPA) in the State of Ohio in 1993. After receiving my Post Baccalaureate 17 Certificate in 1988, I was employed by small public accounting firms. I was hired 18 by Cinergy Services, Inc., the predecessor of DEBS, in 1996, as a tax accountant. 19 I held various positions with Cinergy Services, Inc., including responsibilities in 20 Regulated Business Financial Operations, Commercial Business Asset 21 Management, and Budgets and Forecasts. I joined the Rates Department in April 22 2006 as a Lead Rates Analyst, was promoted to Rates & Regulatory Manager in

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January 2014 and Utility Strategy Director in May 2018. I have held my current
 position as Director, Rates & Regulatory Planning since March 2022.

3 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS DIRECTOR, 4 RATES AND REGULATORY PLANNING.

A. As Director, I am responsible for the preparation of financial and accounting data
used in Duke Energy Ohio and Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., retail rate filings and
changes in various other rate recovery mechanisms, along with filings with the
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

9 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE KENTUCKY 10 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THESE 13 PROCEEDINGS?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to discuss the financial aspects of the Company's request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate a new single circuit 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (circuit #6763; the Project). The new circuit will utilize portions of the existing #15268 circuit 69 kV transmission line and approximately 2.1 linear miles of proposed new transmission line. I also sponsor Exhibit 5 to the Application.

II. <u>FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROJECT</u>

20 Q. WHAT IS THE PROJECTED COST OF THE PROJECT?

A. The overall Project is estimated to cost approximately \$34 million. That sum
comprises: (a) approximately \$32.2 million for the construction of the overhead

- 1 line, including right-of-way acquisition, (b) approximately \$1.5 million for the cost
- 2 of removal associated with the retirement of a portion of an existing circuit, and (c)
- 3 distribution line work of \$0.5 million.

4 Q. DOES THE \$34 MILLION COST ESTIMATE REPRESENT A FIXED AND

- 5 **FINAL COST?**
- A. No. The \$34 million is based on a Class 4 estimate that represents an expected range
 of plus 50 percent and minus 30 percent. This estimate will be further refined once
 engineering is finalized and prior to start of construction. The final cost for the
 Project will not be known until all work is complete and the right-of-way is
 restored.

11 Q. WHAT IS THE PROJECTED ONGOING COST OF OPERATION OF THE 12 PROJECT ONCE COMPLETED?

- A. The estimated annual ongoing cost of operation of the Project once completed is
 expected to be approximately \$10,000 for general maintenance and inspection
 (capital and operations and maintenance (O&M)).
- 16 Q. ARE ANY CUSTOMERS DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE COST
 17 OF THE PROJECT?
- 18 A. No.

19 Q. HOW DOES DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY INTEND TO FINANCE THE 20 PROJECT?

A. In response to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(2)(e), the Company is proposing to
finance the construction through continuing operations and, if necessary, through
debt issuances.

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Q. WILL THE COST OF THE PROJECT MATERIALLY AFFECT THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY? A. No.

4 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE PROJECT WILL BE TREATED FROM AN 5 ACCOUNTING PERSPECTIVE.

6 A. The Project is nearly all capital in nature because it is adding new facilities to serve 7 our electric customers and improve the reliability of the delivery system. There will 8 be an immaterial impact to the Company's O&M expenses in terms of incremental 9 cost of operation. The capital costs will be accumulated in FERC account 107 10 (Construction Work in Progress) during construction and will accrue Allowance for 11 Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) until the Project is placed in service. 12 After the Project is placed in-service, capital costs will transfer initially to FERC 13 account 106 (Completed Construction not Classified) where it will begin being 14 depreciated like any other asset that is used and useful. Once unitized, the Project 15 will be transferred to FERC account 101 (Plant in Service). The cost of removal 16 associated with the retirement will be recorded as a debit to FERC account 108 17 (Accumulated Provision for Depreciation).

18 Q. WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED IN-SERVICE DATE?

19 A. The estimated in-service date is December 31, 2025.

20 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THE COMPANY WILL RECOVER ITS COSTS

- 21 **OF CONSTRUCTION.**
- A. The Company plans to recover the costs of the Project in the ordinary course ofbase rate proceedings.

1 Q. HAS THE COMPANY ESTIMATED THE IMPACT OF THIS PROJECT

2 **TO CUSTOMER RATES?**

A. The Project is not expected to have a material impact on customer rates. Once the
 Project is in service and included in a base rate case, the estimated revenue
 requirement is expected to be approximately one percent of total Company
 revenues.

III. EXHIBITS SPONSORED BY WITNESS

7 Q. PLEASE LIST AND DESCRIBE EXHIBITS TO THE APPLICATION

8 THAT YOU ARE SPONSORING.

- 9 A. I am the sponsor of Exhibits 5. Exhibit 5 is the financial statement for month end,
- 10 December 31, 2022, as required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 12.

IV. CONCLUSION

- 11 Q. WAS EXHIBIT 5 PREPARED UNDER YOUR DIRECTION AND
- 12 CONTROL?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY?
- 15 A. Yes.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF OHIO)	
)	SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)	

The undersigned, Lisa Steinkuhl, Director, Rates and Regulatory Planning, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing testimony and that it is true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Jusa D. Steinkuhl Lisa Steinkuhl Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Lisa Steinkuhl on this 2202 day of March , 2023.

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My Commission Expires: July 8,2027



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Pendleton Recreation Commission holds two special meetings, one in closed session

By Carolyn Reid

Pendleton County's Recreation Commission recently met in two special-called meetings. The first was held Wednesday, March 15, and was a closed session by way of KRS 61.810(1) (f) For Appointment of or Potential Employment, and KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Potential Litigation. At the end of the closed session, the committee announced the hiring of law firm Adams, Stepner, Woltermann, and Dusing, PLLC, of Covington.

The commission met again in special session Wednesday, March 22, because a quorum could not meet during its regular Monday, March 20, set time of the third Monday of the month. Commission members Allison Nichols, Janice Polley, Emily Wilson, Dixie Wells, Bridget Browning, Adam Bruener, Patrick Clore, Stephanie Prince, and Jason Anderson. At least a dozen audience members were on hand.

Adam Bruener referenced the March 2 town hall and the concerns voiced by the parents and coaches, launching the discussion into the concerns revolving around the lack of instruction and structure, leading James Anderson to say they need to fix the problems and fix them quickly. Anderson then said he was working with high school coaches and others who could help train those who volunteer to coach recreational sports, and he was review-ing videos he hoped would offer help to coaches during leisure time. Anderson also said he and Bruener had had long discussions about how to make the program better.

Director Karen Davis told the commission she had 104 children signed up for T-ball alone, and 292 total had signed up for baseball. That returned the group to how to best structure baseball since it was the immediate sport with such high numbers.

The commission decided, with Anderson's and Bruener's leadership, to form team committees in order to decide what kids need to learn. Anderson asked if T-ball would be divided into two groups with Bruener agreeing that would be best. Anderson suggested having a person oversee baseball and softball, and those persons would clarify rules, set coaching guidelines, and other expecta-tions for what the kids need at the T-ball, baseball, and softball levels.

Stephanie Prince offered to help "as a runner" or in some capacity because she said she did not feel she knew enough to help with more, and Bruener said he could help Karen as director, but he has a senior playing softball, and he did not know how much he could be there.

The subject of communicating problems led Bruen-er to ask, "Are we talking a person on a sub-committee (based on sport) being the first in line of communica-

Budgets and raises part of PC Fiscal Court discussion

By Janet Scanlon The Pendleton County Fiscal Court held a Caucus meeting on March 21 at 6 p.m.

Magastrate Gregg was absent for medical reasons. The county attorney was not in attendance.

Sheriff Jared Brewer gave a report of pricing for new vehicles for the Sheriff's office. The only quote under State Contract available at this time is a 2023 Durango for \$41,415 and a Dodge Ram for \$43,555. Additional information is needed so this will be revisited at a later meet-

Jailer Tony Gillespie presented his 2023-2024 operat-ing budget. Gillespie would like to bring his part time deputies a wage rate from \$13/hour to \$15/hour. Full time employees were already give CPI increases.

Road Supervisor Charlie Purdy discussed blacktopping tions and the road resurfacing list. The magistrate

tion?" Anderson replied whoever was there would be the first to be approached with concerns.

Bruener said that person would definitely need to be on-site, and Davis would be there to handle complaints.

The role of overseeing instruction would fall on someone, whether on the board or in the community, to be the expert. That person would set the structure of the rules and enforce playing time for kids. Anderson was clear that every kid needed to see playing time regardless of skill level.

Bruener said baseball and softball needed to be split, and a board member was needed to handle logistics of those teams. He wanted to see an expert and clinics to pull everyone together to teach kids. Anderson and Bruener both said they could help with that.

Nate Jones, who was in the audience, was asked to be the expert for baseball. When he was called on, he gave the commission printouts of what he thought each team should do based on what he had done from his early days to his professional days. He said all sports would benefit from agility/hand/foot/eye coordination drills, and the printouts would benefit all sports. He was clear that he would be glad to help work with coaches, parents who wanted to help. He said he would work with moving the difficulty up as the teams move through age groups.

Anderson stated again, as he had in the town hall, that the best situation would be to see the seasons offset, meaning that the clinics would be during off-seasons for high school coaches as well as teams so they could have input. He hopes to begin that structure soon, but it would mean a sport would be skipped for those clinics until the following year in order to accommodate the cycle.

Patrick Clore agreed the time the sports have is limited, especially considering facilities and time. He agreed they needed to find a way coaches and teams could help with the sports, and Anderson said one thing they heard at the town hall was more community involvement was needed.

Clore also stated that while rec was set up for the kids to have fun, their goal is to help kids learn. "Two hundred kids won't be playing at the high school level. Instruction, yes, but remember they should have fun."

He then spoke to the dangers the community faces with the problems. "When we loose the ability of all entities together, we may as well not exist. We need to be cohesive and work together."

Anderson spoke to the need for structure again, and Prince said that may encourage volunteers to step up.

Anderson also reminded everyone that the indoor sports such as basketball and cheer have only one gym in the county available to use for practice, and those practices are one hour a week. Parents also need to buy into helping their kids learn.

Megan Smith, a member of the audience, spoke up for the fact that volunteers and parents need to take advantage of any resources they can, as well. "My husband and I coached, and we went to watch Nate coach to learn. I think a requirement for coaches should be to learn by watching.

Adam Bruener gave the committee an update on a Duke grant that he is pursuing for the fields. He said Randy Wells of the PC Chamber put him in touch with chamber president Gary Hicks who told him about Duke Energy's grant. Bruener said due to the limited amount of time he had to apply, he went ahead and applied to replace the shed with a new metal shed, to get six sets of 15-foot bleachers, and to get a chain-link fence to cover

the bleacher opening. Falmouth City Council, he added, said the city could install the speed humps at the athletic park that were donated by Jay-Gee. Those humps will be delivered to the park.

Shane Hampton asked for the fields for soccer starting April 13 and running through June 24. He asked for the use of the bleachers and the electricity, as well. Clore asked if this was a separate entity from rec, and Hampton said he is asking for Wolfpack Soccer. He would need the fields for three days, Judge/Exectutive David Fields stated he would have to talk with the county attorney about the agreement due to liability concerns.

Fields was there to say the PC Athletic Advisory Board had not been officially dissolved since its last meeting in about 2017 or 2018. At that time, the board discussed the new playground to be installed there, and the Griffin Center was put into the hands of the fair board. He said he would have to get with the County Attorney Stacey Sanning to see what needs to be done. Since the board was mostly positions over names, he felt he could call a meeting to have those people officially dissolve the board, and monies could be moved. The fact that it has not been dissolved also means that liability, guidelines, use, and conditions of the fields have not been updated, either. The current information was run through the high school athletic department, and now that oversight has changed.

PC Wildcat Athletic Parents will now run concessions. This is an organization set up to pay fees for families who cannot afford to put their children in rec activities otherwise and has been run in the past by Director Karen Davis.

Baseball shirts and hats have been ordered from BSM Sports, Davis reported, and they are the MLB jerseys like last year's jerseys. The commission approved the purchase of new catcher equipment, no pictures, and to stop supplying socks and shorts for soccer.

The park maintenance plan requires 40 man hours be-tween two people, according to Bruener, and two were approved for that role. Bruener mentioned that the fields need to be fertilized and reseeded, and the fields need a core aerator and a spreader. The aerator runs around \$1,400 and the spreader runs around \$400. Fields responded that they could put it in the new 2023-2024 budget if nothing else. The fields will be treated as they are off-season. The board voted to allocate \$2,500 to the budgetary needs for the rest of the fiscal year. After some discussion, the commission decided to use a purchase order in order to track those items purchased.

Other items on the agenda that were approved:

Falmouth Baptist's egg hunt for Sunday, April 2, to be held in the park.

The committee, based upon parental complaints about the lack of communication they are said to demonstrate, will read Surrounded by Idiots: The Four Types of Human Behavior and How to Effectively Communicate with Each in Business (and in Life) by Thomas Erikson.

Jesse Combs of Patriots Football asked about using the football field over the summer, but he does not know how many will be on the team because sign-ups have not started yet.

Bruener said the athletic fields are playable, the trash bins are installed, and the bathrooms are upgraded.

The recreation commission meets every third Monday at 7 p.m. at the BINGO Hall next to Heritage Bank and Howard's Place.

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review the list and submit their final recommendations.

The Economic Development Group proposal was tabled for further discussion at a later meeting. The next regular meeting will be held on March 28 at

6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. It can also be viewed live on The Falmouth Outlook Facebook page.



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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Gallatin County Schools will be having its third District Local Planning Commission Meeting to finalize a DFP Plan. This meeting will be held on April 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wallace Central Office Building. 13-1c

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28 Dana Lane Sparta, Ky 41086 13-1c

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

ORDINANCE 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARSAW, IN GALLATIN COUNTY KENTUCKY, APPROV-ING A ZONING MAP AMEND-MENT FOR THE GOESSLING/ PITTMAN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 204 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GAL-LATIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, FROM HIGHWAY BUSINESS (HB) TO RESIDEN-TIAL THREE (R-3), IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE REAL ESTATE FOR APARTMENT HOMES AC-CORDING TO THE SUBMITTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SUB-JECT TO THE AGREED-UPON CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, the Applicants (Pittman) and Owner (Goessling) requested the Gallatin County Planning Commission to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation regarding a proposed Zoning Map amendment to the Warsaw Zoning Ordinance for the real estate located at 204 Riverview Drive, in order to develop the real estate for apartment homes according to the submitted development plan and subject to the agreed-upon conditions.

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, the Gallatin County Planning Commission held a public hearing, pursuant to statutory notice, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed amendment and seeking public input;

WHEREAS, public and professional input was presented to the Gallatin County Planning Commission at

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WHEREAS, the City of Warsaw does hereby intend to approve and adopt the zoning map amendment according to the record of the Planning Commission and the Exhibits which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

herein by reference. NOW THEREFORE, IN CON-SIDERATION OF THE FOREGO-ING PREMISES, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WARSAW, KEN-TUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recommendation of the Gallatin County Planning Commission pertaining to the proposed Zoning Map Amendment for the Goessling/ Pittman real estate located at 204 Riverview Drive, Warsaw, Kentucky, is hereby adopted and approved, thereby changing classification of the subject real estate on the Zoning Map of the City from Highway Business (HB) to Residential Three (R-3), in order to develop the real estate for apartment homes according to the submitted development plan and subject to the agreed-upon conditions.

Section 2. The materials constituting the record of the Planning Commission and the City Council are incorporated herein by reference; and the City does hereby find that the Highway Business (HB) zoning classification is not appropriate for the subject real estate and that the Residential Three (R-3) zoning classification is appropriate; and further that R-3 is more consistent with the Comprehensive Plan than HB.

Section 3. The subject real estate is identified as Parcel Number 13B-05-03 on the records of the Gallatin County PVA; and the source of title is Deed Book 114, page 587. Section 4. This Ordinance shall be

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Section 5. All Ordinances or parts of any Ordinances in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict, if any, are hereby repealed.

Section 6. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provisions hereof, and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect as long as they remain valid in the absence of that provision determined to be invalid.

Section 7. The foregoing Ordinance was read, passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Warsaw, Kentucky, meeting in regular sessions on the 13 day of MARCH, 2023, and on the 22 day of MARCH, 2023, with 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes, and 0 Abstentions, and was thereafter approved by the Mayor and ordered published in Summary according to law.

Approved: /s/<u>Charles "CE" French</u> Charles "CE" French, Mayor

Attest: /s/<u>Carolyn Caldwell</u> Carolyn Caldwell, Clerk Published: <u>March 29, 2023</u>

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Notice is hereby given that the Grant County Board of Adjustments will hold the following public hearings:

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--- Grant County Board of Adjustment

Littrell property at 800 Ash-brook Rd., Williamstown.

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GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

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Ohio ranks 9th in US for infections from fungus

Nathaniel Shuda and Adrianna Rodriguez Columbus Dispatch USA TODAY NETWORK

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a warning last week about a drug-resistant fungal infection it calls an "urgent threat," but central Ohio health officials say basic precautions can help prevent it from spreading.

Ohio ranks ninth of 29 states in the U.S. where infections caused by Candida auris, or C. auris, yeast was identified in 2022, with 79 infections, according to the CDC.

First reported in the United States in 2016, the number of infections has grown nationwide to 3,270 through 2021, with the most rapid hike happening in 2020-21, according to a study published March 20 in the Annals of Internal Medicine, when the number of times the fungus was detected — but did not cause infection — tripled to a total of 4,041.

The CDC cited many reasons for the increase, including poor general infection prevention and control practices in health care facilities, enhanced efforts to detect cases and strained health care and public health systems during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The fungus spreads through contact with surfaces and equipment, especially in health care facilities, such as hospitals and nursing homes, or people who are infected, according to the CDC. Those at highest risk are people who have recently spent time in a nursing home and have feeding or breathing tubes or central venous catheters.

Other risk factors include recent surgery, diabetes and broad-spectrum antibiotic and antifungal use.

What is Candida auris, or C. auris?

Candida auris is a drug-resistant fungus that can cause outbreaks in health care facilities, according to the CDC.

The fungus can infect the bloodstream and even cause death by invading the blood, heart and brain, the agency said. More than 1 in 3 patients die from such an infection.

Experts say the pathogen is also dangerous because it's often resistant to antifungal medicines commonly used to treat infections. It's also difficult to identify without specialized laboratory technology, and is often mistaken for other infections.

The agency said C. auris was first identified in 2009 in Asia and has quickly spread throughout the world.

tion and can be carried on a patient's skin, the CDC said, allowing easier spread to others.

But when it does cause infection, the agency said, it may be difficult to identify because it most often occurs in patients who are already sick with other diseases and exhibiting symptoms.

The CDC says fever and chills that don't improve after giving antibiotics are the most common symptoms of C. auris.

How common is Candida auris in Ohio?

The Ohio Department of Health declined The Dispatch's request for an interview, but provided a brief overview of the fungus' prevalence across the state, which first reported a case in 2020.

From May 13, 2020, to Nov. 18, 2022, there were a combined 285 cases of C. auris in Ohio, according to state Health Department data. Of those, 95 cases resulted in infections, all but two of which were near Cincinnati, Cleveland and Dayton.

In February, Columbus Public Health identified one case within its jurisdiction in which the person was not sick and only found out they had the fungus after getting a random skin test, spokesperson Kelli Newman said.

"Like all things, just keep your hands and surfaces clean because we can carry it on our skin," Newman said. "We all have yeast on our skin. For the average person, it's not going to make you sick."

Fighting fungal infections

Experts say fungal infections, including C. auris, also are difficult to treat because antifungals can be harmful to humans.

That makes prevention key, said Lance B. Price, professor of environmental and occupational health and the founder and co-director of the Antibiotic Resistance Action Center at George Washington University.

"The scary thing about Candida auris and any of the drug-resistant fungal infections is just how difficult it is to find good, safe antifungals because people and fungi are built of the same stuff," said Price, who is not affiliated with the CDC study.

Antifungal agents also are being overused in the agricultural setting, he said, which may contribute to more drug-resistant strains.

Study authors say the rise in C. auris cases may be a result of increased surveillance efforts picking up more cases, decreased prevention efforts because of a burdened health care system during the COVID-19 pandemic, or both. "Hospitals have to step up and screen patients for drug-resistant strains, isolate them, be on top of their game when it comes to infection control," Price said.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company) proposes to construct a new 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Boone County, Kentucky (Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project). The Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project involves the approximate two-mile construction of a new 138-kV transmission line and rebuild of a 1.5mile portion of an existing 69 kV transmission line to 138-kV capacity. The proposed 138kV transmission line runs east-southeast from the Hebron substation through an industrial complex crossing Interstate 275 to the west of Route 237. After crossing route 275 it runs east to connect to the existing transmission line along Route 237 across the street from the Burger King and Domino's Pizza. The rebuild portion of the transmis-sion line runs south from Limaburg Substation along Limaburg Road in Hebron, Kentucky, to Burlington Pike in Burlington, Kentucky.

The proposed transmission line generally will require a 100-foot-wide right-of-way. Duke Energy Kentucky may also be required to alter the proposed centerline of the Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project and adjacent rights-of-way to address landowner preference or conditions discovered during survey and construction that affect constructability and access.

Duke Energy Kentucky plans to file an application with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky on or soon after March 27, 2023 seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the Hebron to Oakbrook Transmission Line Project. The application and the Commission proceeding have been assigned Case No. 2022-00364.

Any interested person, including any person over whose property the proposed transmission line will cross, may request a local public hearing in the county in which the transmission line is proposed to be constructed. The request must be in writing and should be delivered to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The request for local public hearing must be delivered to the Executive Director no later than thirty days after the date the application is filed. The request for local public hearing must comply with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:120, Section 3.

A person may seek to intervene as a party in the Commission proceeding to review Duke Energy Kentucky's application by filing a timely written request for intervention in accordance with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11) and 807 KAR 5:120, Section 3(3).

The application and other filings in connection with Duke Energy Kentucky's application may be accessed at http://psc.ky.gov under Case No. 2022-00364 once filed. Project updates and further information may also be found on the Company's website: www.duke-energy.com/Hebron

A map of the proposed route for the electrical transmission line is shown below.



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Candida auris infection symptoms

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