

Duke Energy Kentucky
Case No. 2022-00372
Attorney General’s Second Set Data Requests
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REQUEST:

Refer to Duke Kentucky’s response to the Attorney General’s First Request, Item 13(c).

a. Provide the total monetary amount for the Share the Light fund for 2018 – 2023, and break down the total monetary amounts between customer contributions versus shareholders contributions.

b. Explain in detail how Duke Kentucky decides to use the Share the Light funds, which the customers voluntarily contribute to.

c. Provide the total monetary amount for the Home Energy Assistance fund for 2018 – 2023, and break down the total monetary amounts between customer contributions versus shareholder contributions.

d. Explain in detail how Duke Kentucky decides to use the Home Energy Assistance funds, which the customers are required to contribute to.

REVISED RESPONSE:

a. Share the Light fund contributions are as follows:

KY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Jan-23
Customer & Employee	\$26,000	\$23,000	\$29,000	\$31,026	\$32,812	\$2,940
Company Match & Corporate Donations	\$50,000	\$48,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$49,655	\$2,940
Total	\$76,000	\$71,000	\$79,000	\$81,026	\$82,467	\$5,880

Note: Only January 2023 actuals are available at this time.

b. Duke Energy sends monthly customer, employee, and shareholder donations to Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission (NKCAC) who assists Duke Energy customers needing financial assistance.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a Duke Energy gas and/or electric residential customer
- Total household income must be at or below 200% FPL guidelines
- Must have past-due charges for gas or electricity, unpaid deposit, reconnection charges.

c. See the table below for the total monetary amount for the Home Energy Assistance (HEA) fund for 2018 – January 2023 broken down by customer contributions versus shareholder contributions. January is the most recent actual data available.

	2018 through January 2023
Customer Contributions	\$2,766,932
Shareholder Contributions	\$129,170

Per Order in Case No. 2019-00366, annual shareholder funding of \$50,000 and customer contribution increase from \$0.10 to \$0.30 per meter was effective starting with the HEA fiscal year of July 2020.

d. The Kentucky Home Energy Assistance (HEA) program is a program in partnership with Community Action Kentucky, Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission and Duke Energy. Eligible customers may receive up to \$693 in bill assistance January through April. The program includes a subsidy component and a crisis component for households with incomes up to 200% of poverty guidelines.

- Crisis Assistance: Active Duke Energy customers who have a past-due balance and/or are in danger of disconnection can apply for

immediate crisis assistance up to \$400. The customer may also apply for enrollment for subsidy assistance.

- Subsidy Assistance: This program offers active Duke Energy electric or natural gas-electric combination customers an affordable electric and natural gas bill payment by providing a \$99 subsidy credit per month, up to \$693/year to their Duke Energy account for the peak heating (January-April) and cooling (July-September) seasons. The Subsidy program offers natural gas-only customers an affordable natural gas bill payment by providing a \$173.25 subsidy credit per month for the peak heating months.

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