

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

Refer to the Direct Testimony of Ron A. Adams (“Adams Testimony”), at 3 – 4. Mr. Adams states that Duke Kentucky’s Vegetation Management Program focuses on delivering safe and reliable electric service in a cost-effective manner while utilizing industry best management practices for vegetation management.

- a. Explain whether any Duke Kentucky employees work on vegetation management, or if it is handled exclusively by contractors.
- b. Explain whether Duke Kentucky issues request for proposals (“RFPs”) in order to obtain the most cost-effective contract price for vegetation management.
- c. Provide the names of all contract firms that Duke Kentucky works with on its vegetation management.

RESPONSE:

- a. Duke Energy employees manage the vegetation management program, but all vegetation management work is performed exclusively by contractors.
- b. Duke Energy Kentucky is included as part of larger request for proposals (“RFPs”) conducted by Duke Energy to obtain the best contract service providers for vegetation management.
- c. The names of the Duke Energy Kentucky contract firms for Distribution include Asplundh Tree, Environmental Consultants, and EDKO.

The names of the Duke Energy Kentucky contract firms for Transmission include Asplundh, Burford's Construction, Superior Forestry, USL-Cincinnati, G&T Service, Aerial Solutions, Signature Utility, QSI/NV5, Esource, ECI (Foresters/Encroachment Agents), K&L Excavating, and CJI.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Ron A. Adams