#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY	)	
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR (1) AN ADJUSTMENT OF	)	
ELECTRIC RATES; (2) APPROVAL OF NEW	) C	CASE NO. 2022-00372
TARIFFS; (3) APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING	)	
PRACTICES TO ESTABLISH REGULATORY	)	
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; AND (4) ALL OTHER	)	
REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF	)	

# ATTORNEY GENERAL'S POST-HEARING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

Comes now the intervenor, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, through his Office of Rate Intervention ("Attorney General"), and submits the Post-Hearing Request for Information to Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (hereinafter "Duke Kentucky" or the "Company") to be answered by May 26, 2023, and in accord with the following:

- (1) In each case where a request seeks data provided in response to a staff request, reference to the appropriate requested item will be deemed a satisfactory response.
- (2) Identify the witness who will be prepared to answer questions concerning each request.
- (3) Repeat the question to which each response is intended to refer.
- (4) These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further and supplemental responses if the company receives or generates additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the response and the time of any hearing conducted hereon.
- (5) Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association, be accompanied by a signed certification of the

preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

- (6) If you believe any request appears confusing, please request clarification directly from undersigned Counsel for the Office of Attorney General.
- (7) To the extent that the specific document, workpaper or information as requested does not exist, but a similar document, workpaper or information does exist, provide the similar document, workpaper, or information.
- (8) To the extent that any request may be answered by way of a computer printout, please identify each variable contained in the printout, which would not be self-evident to a person not familiar with the printout.
- (9) If the company has objections to any request on the grounds that the requested information is proprietary in nature, or for any other reason, notify the Office of the Attorney General as soon as possible, and in accordance with Commission direction.
- (10) As used herein, the words "document" or "documents" are to be construed broadly and shall mean the original of the same (and all non-identical copies or drafts thereof) and if the original is not available, the best copy available. These terms shall include all information recorded in any written, graphic or other tangible form and shall include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all reports; memoranda; books or notebooks; written or recorded statements, interviews, affidavits and depositions; all letters or correspondence; telegrams, cables and telex messages; contracts, leases, insurance policies or other agreements; warnings and caution/hazard notices or labels; mechanical and electronic recordings and all information so stored, or transcripts of such recordings;

calendars, appointment books, schedules, agendas and diary entries; notes or memoranda of conversations (telephonic or otherwise), meetings or conferences; legal pleadings and transcripts of legal proceedings; maps, models, charts, diagrams, graphs and other demonstrative materials; financial statements, annual reports, balance sheets and other accounting records; quotations or offers; bulletins, newsletters, pamphlets, brochures and all other similar publications; summaries or compilations of data; deeds, titles, or other instruments of ownership; blueprints and specifications; manuals, guidelines, regulations, procedures, policies and instructional materials of any type; photographs or pictures, film, microfilm and microfiche; videotapes; articles; announcements and notices of any type; surveys, studies, evaluations, tests and all research and development (R&D) materials; newspaper clippings and press releases; time cards, employee schedules or rosters, and other payroll records; cancelled checks, invoices, bills and receipts; and writings of any kind and all other tangible things upon which any handwriting, typing, printing, drawings, representations, graphic matter, magnetic or electrical impulses, or other forms of communication are recorded or produced, including audio and video recordings, computer stored information (whether or not in printout form), computer-readable media or other electronically maintained or transmitted information regardless of the media or format in which they are stored, and all other rough drafts, revised drafts (including all handwritten notes or other marks on the same) and copies of documents as hereinbefore defined by whatever means made.

(11) For any document withheld on the basis of privilege, state the following: date; author; addressee; indicated or blind copies; all persons to whom distributed, shown, or explained; and, the nature and legal basis for the privilege asserted.

(12) In the event any document called for has been destroyed or transferred beyond the

control of the company, please state: the identity of the person by whom it was destroyed

or transferred, and the person authorizing the destruction or transfer; the time, place, and

method of destruction or transfer; and, the reason(s) for its destruction or transfer. If

destroyed or disposed of by operation of a retention policy, state the retention policy.

(13) Provide written responses, together with any and all exhibits pertaining thereto, in one

or more bound volumes, separately indexed and tabbed by each response, in compliance

with Kentucky Public Service Commission Regulations.

(14) "And" and "or" should be considered to be both conjunctive and disjunctive, unless

specifically stated otherwise.

(15) "Each" and "any" should be considered to be both singular and plural, unless

specifically stated otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Certificate of Service and Filing

Pursuant to the Commission's Orders and in accord with all other applicable law, Counsel certifies that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on May 16, 2023, and there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding.

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023,

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Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for (1) An Adjustment of Electric Rates; (2) Approval of New Tariffs; (3) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory
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- Refer to the following excerpt from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform
   System of Accounts ("FERC USOA"), 108 Accumulated provision for depreciation of electric utility plant (Major Only).<sup>1</sup>
  - C. For general ledger and balance sheet purposes, this account shall be regarded and treated as a single composite provision for depreciation. For purposes of analysis, however, each utility shall maintain subsidiary records in which this account is segregated according to the following functional classification for electric plant:
    - (1) Steam production,
    - (2) Nuclear production,
    - (3) Hydraulic production,
    - (4) Other production,
    - (5) Transmission,
    - (6) Distribution,
    - (7) Regional Transmission and Market Operation, and
    - (8) General.

These subsidiary records shall reflect the current credits and debits to this account in sufficient detail to show separately for each such functional classification:

- (a) The amount of accrual for depreciation,
- (b) The book cost of property retired,
- (c) Cost of removal,
- (d) Salvage, and
- (e) Other items, including recoveries from insurance.

Separate subsidiary records shall be maintained for the amount of accrued cost of removal other than legal obligations for the retirement of plant recorded in Account 108, Accumulated provision for depreciation of electric utility plant (Major only).

a. Confirm that decommissioning expense, whether incorporated into the depreciation rates and expense or recorded separately, is included in accumulated provision for

 $<sup>^{1}\,\</sup>underline{https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-18/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-101}$ 

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depreciation, but is subject to the preceding subsidiary records requirement so that decommissioning amounts can be separately identified and quantified.