

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF DUKE	)	
ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF	)	CASE NO.
AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE	)	2022-00394
SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DIVERSEY, INC.	)	

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**PETITION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.  
FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION  
CONTAINED IN ITS 2026 ANNUAL REPORT**

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Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, respectfully requests the Commission to classify and protect certain information provided by Duke Energy Kentucky, specifically Confidential Attachment 1 included in the 2026 Annual Report. The information included in Confidential Attachment 1, for which Duke Energy Kentucky now seeks confidential treatment (Confidential Information), includes one specific customer’s detailed usage and billing information.

In support of this Petition, Duke Energy Kentucky states:

1. The Kentucky Open Records Act exempts from disclosure certain commercial information, KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1). In particular, KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) excludes from the Open Records Act:

Records confidentially disclosed to an agency or required by an agency to be disclosed to it, generally recognized as confidential or proprietary, which if openly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the entity that disclosed the records.

To qualify for this exemption and, therefore, maintain the confidentiality of the information, a party must establish that disclosure of the commercial information would permit an unfair advantage to competitors of that party. Public disclosure of the information identified herein would, in fact, prompt such a result for the reasons set forth below.

2. The information submitted and for which the Company is seeking confidential protection is one specific customer's detailed usage and billing information, including the precise amount of energy consumption of and pricing of electric services for a specific facility in the electric territory of Duke Energy Kentucky. If made public, this information would provide approximately two calendar years' worth of hourly interval electric usage data for the customer in question, along with corresponding PJM Locational Marginal Price (LMP) data for the same hourly interval periods. This information details how the customer operates and uses electricity and would give that customer's competitors and/or vendors a potential advantage in negotiating transactions.

3. The Confidential Information is distributed within Duke Energy Kentucky, only to those who must have access for business reasons and is generally recognized as confidential and proprietary in the energy industry.

4. The Confidential Information for which Duke Energy Kentucky is seeking confidential treatment is not known outside of Duke Energy Corporation.

5. Duke Energy Kentucky does not object to limited disclosure of the confidential information described herein, pursuant to an acceptable protective agreement, with the Attorney General or other intervenors with a legitimate interest in reviewing the same.

6. This information was, and remains, integral to Duke Energy Kentucky's effective execution of business decisions. And such information is generally regarded as confidential or proprietary. Indeed, as the Kentucky Supreme Court has found, "information concerning the inner workings of a corporation is 'generally accepted as confidential or proprietary.'" *Hoy v. Kentucky Industrial Revitalization Authority*, 904 S.W.2d 766, 768 (Ky. 1995).

7. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(3), the Company is filing one copy of the Confidential Information separately under seal, and one copy without the Confidential Information included.

8. Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Confidential Information be withheld from public disclosure for a period of ten years. This will assure that the Confidential Information – if disclosed after that time – will no longer be commercially sensitive so as to likely impair the interests of the Company or the customer if publicly disclosed.

9. To the extent the Confidential information becomes generally available to the public, whether through filings required by other agencies or otherwise, Duke Energy Kentucky will notify the Commission and have its confidential status removed, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13(10)(a).

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission classify and protect as confidential the specific information described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

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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 March 30, 2026; 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.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>*In 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).*