

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE)	
ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC., FOR: 1) AN)	
ADJUSTMENT OF THE NATURAL GAS RATES;)	CASE NO.
2) APPROVAL OF NEW TARIFFS; AND 3) ALL)	2025-00125
OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS, WAIVERS,)	
AND RELIEF.)	

APPLICATION TO USE ABBREVIATED NOTICE PROCEDURES

Applicant, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company), by counsel, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16(2)(b), 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17(5), and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22, and other applicable law, hereby applies to the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission) for an order **no later than May 7, 2025** permitting Duke Energy Kentucky to provide abbreviated newspaper notice of its upcoming application for an adjustment to its natural gas base rates. Duke Energy Kentucky makes this application to reduce costs associated with its anticipated application for a natural gas base rate adjustment which will, in turn, reduce the level of any rate adjustment for the Company’s’ customers. Duke Energy Kentucky states in support of its application:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Duke Energy Kentucky is a “utility” as defined in KRS 278.010(3) and is subject to the Commission’s’ jurisdiction pursuant to KRS 278.040. In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 14(1), Duke Energy Kentucky is a Kentucky corporation with its principal office and principal place of business at 139 East Fourth Street Cincinnati, Ohio

45202.¹ 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.

2. Duke Energy Kentucky is a utility engaged in the electric and natural gas business. As part of its electric service, Duke Energy Kentucky generates electricity, which it distributes and sells in Boone, Campbell, Grant, Kenton and Pendleton Counties. Duke Energy Kentucky purchases, sells, stores, and transports natural gas in Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton and Pendleton Counties, Kentucky.

3. Duke Energy Kentucky anticipates filing an application for a general adjustment of its natural gas rates and charges and certain other relief on or about June 2, 2025.

II. METHOD OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

4. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17(2) requires a utility to provide notice to its customers of any general rate adjustment at the time of filing its application and further sets forth the permissible form and manner of such notice. The most practical and cost-effective means among the four methods of notice established by the regulation² is for Duke Energy Kentucky to provide the required notice publishing the notice once a week for three

¹ The Company's Certificate of Existence is attached as Exhibit 1.

² 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17(2)(b) provides: "If a utility has more than twenty (20) customers, it shall provide notice by:

1. Including notice with customer bills mailed no later than the date the application is submitted to the commission;
2. Mailing a written notice to each customer no later than the date the application is submitted to the commission;
3. Publishing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a prominent manner in a newspaper of general circulation in the utility's service area, the first publication to be made no later than the date the application is submitted to the commission; or
4. Publishing notice in a trade publication or newsletter delivered to all customers no later than the date the application is submitted to the commission.

consecutive weeks in a prominent manner in each newspaper of general circulation in its service territory.

5. The scope and detail required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17 results in a lengthy newspaper notice. Duke Energy Kentucky's notice in connection with its 2021 application for general adjustment of its natural gas rates³ comprised of 9 single-spaced typewritten 8 ½ x 11 pages. The Company estimates that, absent the relief requested by this Application, the notice to be published in connection with the Company's anticipated rate application would be of equal or greater length.

6. The notice is required to be published in each of the 5 newspapers of general circulation in the Company's service territory.

7. The cost of publishing the notice in conformity with the regulation is significant.⁴ Based on the average cost of publication for the Company's natural gas rate cases in years past, and assuming normal inflationary cost increases, the Company estimates the cost of publishing the complete notice required by the Commission's regulations for the Company's anticipated rate case would total at least \$50,000. Whereas the cost of publishing the proposed abbreviated notice for three consecutive weeks, using recent, similarly sized publications, could total approximately \$10,000, for a total estimated savings of approximately \$40,000. The cost of publishing the notice constitutes a rate case expense that may be recovered through the newly established rates.

8. The abbreviated form of notice proposed below will reasonably inform the public of the Company's application while yielding significant savings as compared to the

³ *In the Matter of the Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., for: 1) An Adjustment of the Natural Gas Rates; 2) Approval of New Tariffs; and 3) All Other Required Approvals, Waivers, and Relief*, Case No. 2021-00190.

⁴ The cost of the notice published by Duke Energy Kentucky in Case No. 2021-00190 totaled \$38,637.64.

full notice required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17.

III. DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY'S PROPOSED FORM OF NOTICE

9. Duke Energy Kentucky proposes to publish an abbreviated form of notice which will contain:

- a) the complete notice required by the Commission's regulation for the Company's proposed residential natural gas rate changes, as well as the additional information required for residential customers by the Commission's regulations;⁵
- b) an abbreviated notice of the adjustments to non-residential rates identifying each non-residential rate schedule the Company proposes to adjust and indicating the availability of further information concerning the proposed adjustments at the Duke Energy websites, as well as the Company's local office;⁶ and
- c) notice that a complete printed or electronic copy of any applicable rate schedule may be obtained by written or electronic mail request to the Company.

A copy of the proposed abbreviated notice for Duke Energy Kentucky is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to this Application.

10. Duke Energy Kentucky proposes to provide, in connection with the publication of its proposed abbreviated notice, the following additional public awareness measures:

- a) Duke Energy Kentucky will post at its local office a copy of the notice conforming to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17. The conforming notice will be posted coincident with the first newspaper publication of its abbreviated notice and remain posted until completion of the Company's rate case.
- b) Duke Energy Kentucky will post on its website a copy of the notice conforming to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17. The Company's website also will provide a hyperlink to the location on the Public

⁵ 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16(2)(b) directs that a coupon be included in the abbreviated notice. Duke Energy Kentucky's proposed abbreviated notice provides multiple means by which the full notice may be requested and thus does not include a coupon. To the extent a deviation is required from the regulation Duke Energy Kentucky requests a deviation to permit it to provide the expanded means of requesting the full notice. If the Commission nevertheless believes a coupon should be included, it will amend its proposed notice to do so.

⁶ Duke Energy Kentucky's local office is located at its Erlanger Operations Center on 1262 Cox Road, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018.

Service Commission's website where case documents and tariff filings are available. The posting and hyperlink will be posted to the Company's website coincident with the first newspaper publication of its abbreviated notice and remain posted until completion of the Company's rate case.

c) A complete public version of the Company's application to adjust its rates and filed with the Commission will be posted on Duke Energy Kentucky's website. The application will be posted coincident with the filing of the Company's application to adjust its rates.

d) Duke Energy Kentucky will electronically upload, with its application to adjust its rates, a separate copy of its notice conforming to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17. The copy will be entitled "Customer Notice of Rate Adjustment." The uploading of the separate copy is intended to enable customers reviewing the Commission's website to locate the notice without difficulty.

11. Duke Energy Kentucky anticipates the proposed abbreviated notice will reduce publication costs by approximately \$38,000.

12. Duke Energy Kentucky anticipates that the newspaper publication of the proposed abbreviated notice, in conjunction with the additional public awareness measures to be provided by Duke Energy Kentucky, will provide notice equal to the newspaper notice required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17.

13. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 22 authorizes the Public Service Commission to grant deviations from the requirements of Chapter 1 of Title 807 of the Kentucky Administrative Regulations upon the showing of good cause. In addition, 807 KAR 5:001, Section 16(2)(b) and Section 17(5) provide the Commission may authorize Duke Energy Kentucky to provide abbreviated newspaper notice. As set out above, good cause exists for the Commission to authorize Duke Energy Kentucky to publish the abbreviated notice described above, in conjunction with the other public awareness measures to be provided by Duke Energy Kentucky, in lieu of the full notice required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests the Commission enter

an order no later than May 7, 2025:

1. Authorizing Duke Energy Kentucky to deviate from the requirements 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17 and authorizing the Company to publish, in conjunction with the other public awareness measures described above, the abbreviated notice of its proposed rate adjustment in the form set forth in Exhibit 2 to this application;
2. Granting Duke Energy Kentucky all other appropriate relief.

This 17th day of April 2025.

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 April 17th, 2025; 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.⁷

Hon. John Horne
The Office of Attorney General
Utility Intervention and Rate Division
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Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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⁷*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).*

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State

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Certificate of Existence

Authentication number: 332771
Visit <https://web.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/certvalidate.aspx> to authenticate this certificate.

I, Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify that according to the records in the Office of the Secretary of State,

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under KRS Chapter 14A and KRS Chapter 271B, whose date of incorporation is March 20, 1901 and whose period of duration is perpetual.

I further certify that all fees and penalties owed to the Secretary of State have been paid; that Articles of Dissolution have not been filed; and that the most recent annual report required by KRS 14A.6-010 has been delivered to the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of April, 2025, in the 233rd year of the Commonwealth.



Michael G. Adams

Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky
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FORM OF NOTICE

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company) hereby gives notice that, in an application to be filed no sooner than June 2, 2025, Duke Energy Kentucky will be seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its natural gas rates and charges proposed to become effective on and after July 2, 2025.

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY CURRENT AND PROPOSED GAS RATES & SIGNIFICANT TEXT CHANGES

Residential Service – Rate RS
(Gas Tariff Sheet No. 30)

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Customer Charge per month	\$17.50	\$
Base Rate for all Ccf	\$0.52474	\$
GCA for all Ccf	\$0.8280	\$
Total Rate (Base Rate + GCA) for all Ccf	\$1.35274	\$

Gas Rate Class	Average CCF / Bill	Class Annual \$ Increase	Class Annual % Increase	Monthly Bill \$ Increase	Monthly Bill % Increase
Rate RS - Residential Service					
Rate GS – Commercial Service					
Rate GS – Industrial Service					
Rate GS – Other Public Authority Service					
Rate FT-L – Firm Transportation Service					
Rate IT – Interruptible Transportation Service					

Other Charges

Duke Energy Kentucky is proposing the following revisions to other charges in its Gas tariff:

Other Charges	Current Charge	Proposed Charge
Other Charge #1		
Other Charge #2		
Other Charge #3		
Additional Other Charges		

Duke Energy Kentucky is also proposing the following changes to tariff sheets:

- Tariff Sheet Change #1.
- Tariff Sheet Change #2.
- Tariff Sheet Change #3.
- Etc.

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes and rates may be obtained by requesting same through email at DEKInquiries@duke-energy.com or by telephone at (513) 287-4366.

A copy of the application and other filings made by the Company is available for public inspection through the Commission’s website at <https://psc.ky.gov>, at the Commission’s office at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am. To 4:30 p.m., and at the following Company offices: 1262 Cox Road, Erlanger, Kentucky 41018.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website at <https://psc.ky.gov>, or by mail at the following Commission address or by sending an email to the Commission's Public Information Officer at psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2025-00125.

Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Duke Energy Kentucky; however, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice.

Any corporation, association, body politic or person with a substantial interest in the matter may, by written request within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice of the proposed rate changes, request leave to intervene; intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown. Such a motion shall be submitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 615, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication the Commission may take final action on the application.