

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.	)	

**JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE WITNESSES FROM HEARING AND REQUEST
FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Comes now Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company), and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, through his Office of Rate Intervention (AG) (collectively, Joint Movants), by and through undersigned counsel, pursuant to the applicable rules and regulations of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Commission), and requests that the Commission excuse the below-listed witnesses from participating in the evidentiary hearing who have sponsored testimony, schedules, or responses to data requests filed in this case. The Joint Movants have entered into a Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) that, if approved, would resolve all issues between the Joint Movants in the above-styled proceeding. Accordingly, the Joint Movants agreed to waive cross examination of witnesses, except, if necessary, to support the Stipulation. The excusal of identified witnesses, except those directly supporting the Stipulation, will result in reduced costs for the Joint Movants and a more efficient evidentiary hearing. The Joint Movants' below-listed witnesses, if required to attend, would be required to travel to the evidentiary hearing by air and obtain overnight

accommodations. Joint Movants request that the Commission issue an order responding to this Motion on or before October 23, 2025, so that timely cancellation of travel arrangements can be made to avoid or minimize fees and costs.

Duke Energy Kentucky intends to present Ms. Amy B. Spiller, President of Duke Energy Kentucky at the evidentiary hearing. In addition, the Company will present Ms. Sarah E. Lawler, Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Strategy, who will be filing testimony in support of the Stipulation. Furthermore, the Company intends to have its local Kentucky witnesses, Mr. Jefferson “Jay” P. Brown, Director of Rates and Regulatory Planning; Mr. Douglas J. Heitkamp, Manager of Rates & Regulatory Strategy; and Mr. Bruce L. Sailors, Director of Jurisdictional Rate Administration (collectively, Local Witnesses) available, if needed, to answer questions of the Commission and its Staff. Finally, as grounds for this motion, Joint Movants respectfully state as follows:

1. On April 17, 2025, Duke Energy Kentucky filed a Notice of Intent to File an Application seeking adjustment of its natural gas rates and other approvals.
2. The Attorney General was permitted to intervene in this case by an Order entered on May 5, 2025. There are no other intervenors.
3. On June 2, 2025, Duke Energy Kentucky filed an Application seeking an adjustment of its natural gas rates and other approvals.
4. The parties participated in multiple rounds of discovery and provided written testimony in the record of the proceeding.
5. A Stipulation will be filed into the record of this proceeding, along with supporting testimony of Ms. Sarah E. Lawler. The Stipulation resolves all the issues in this proceeding as between the Joint Movants.
6. Joint Movants believe that the written discovery in this proceeding has

created a robust record. Joint Movants request the Commission limit the necessary appearance of witnesses at the evidentiary hearing currently scheduled to commence on October 28, 2025, to the witnesses supporting the Stipulation and, if necessary, the Local Witnesses. Excusal of the other witnesses would allow Duke Energy Kentucky, and the AG to avoid the costs associated with witnesses traveling to the Commission to participate in the hearing. Because Duke Energy Kentucky's costs to participate in the hearing are recovered through rate case expense, granting this motion reduces actual rate case costs that are eventually added to customer bills.

7. Specifically, Joint Movants request the excusal of the following witnesses:

Duke Energy Kentucky witnesses:
Rebekah E. Buck, Director of Allocations and Reporting;
Shannon A. Caldwell, Director, Compensation;
Daniel S. Dane, President, Concentric Energy Advisors;
Thomas J. Heath Jr., Corporate Finance Director;
Claire C. Hudson, Manager Financial Forecasting;
Adam Long, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Natural Gas;
Linda L. Miller, Director, Gas & Other Accounting;
Sharif S. Mitchell, Manager Accounting II;
Joshua C. Nowak, Vice President, Concentric Energy Advisors;
John R. Panizza, Director, Tax Operations;
Lindsay B. Philemon, Manager Customer Governance and Compliance;
John J. Spanos, President, Gannet Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants, LLC;
Jonathan C. Thorp, Lead Load Forecasting Analyst;
Brian R. Weisker, Senior Vice President and President, Natural Gas;

The Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky witnesses:
Lane Kollen
Randy A. Futral
Richard A. Baudino

8. The Stipulation that will be tendered, was negotiated in good faith, is not a black box settlement, resolves all issues presented in the Company's application, and is a fair, just, and reasonable compromise between the Joint Movants.

9. Finally, Joint Movants request expedited treatment of its review of this Motion. All of the Joint Movants' witnesses above have established travel plans to attend and participate in the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on October 28, 2025. Some of the flights, vehicle rentals, and hotel accommodations require as much as three-days' notice to cancel reservations without incurring a penalty. In order to reduce any unnecessary cancelation fees, Joint Movants respectfully request that the Commission address this Motion on or before October 23, 2025, to provide sufficient time to adjust travel plans.

10. If the Commission desires any additional witnesses, other than the Local Witnesses to attend in person, Joint Movants respectfully request that the additional witnesses be provided with a virtual option to testify at the hearing in order to reduce rate case expense.

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, Joint Movants respectfully move to excuse all of their witnesses, except for the Local Witnesses, from the evidentiary hearing. Joint Movants also respectfully request that the Commission issue an order responsive to this Motion prior to October 23, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 October 20, 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.¹

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¹*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).