COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. FOR A DECLARATORY ORDER REGARDING RECOVERY OF COSTS TO TO CONVERT CUSTOMERS TO ALTERNATE SOURCE OF FUEL	**)))))**	**CASE NO. 2025-00142**

MOTION FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Comes now Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke Energy Kentucky"), by and through the undersigned counsel, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 9 and other applicable law and does hereby submit its request to conduct an informal conference in this case. Duke Energy Kentucky request to hold this conference on or before **November 14, 2025,** either in person or virtually. In support of this motion, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully states as follows:

1. On June 6, 2025, Duke Energy Kentucky filed an application requesting the Commission issue an order declaring Duke Energy Kentucky can recover the costs of converting twenty-seven (27) customers to an alternate fuel source as a result of TC Energy's abandonment of the transmission line.

2. In 2023, TC Energy acquired KO Transmission, a Duke Energy Corporation subsidiary, that owned 51.5 miles of natural gas FERC regulated transmission pipe in Northern Kentucky. There are twenty-seven (27) Duke Energy Kentucky customers directly attached to the existing transmission lines in the manner of a "farm tap." Duke Energy Kentucky billed these customers as distribution customers, because Duke Energy Kentucky does not have a farm tap tariff. TC Energy is now modernizing and will replace the 51.5 miles of pipeline and has indicated it will not allow these types of connections on the new line and that it plans to abandon the old

lines when the new lines are completed. TC Energy's decision to abandon its existing line results in these "farm tap" customers no longer having access to natural gas across or adjacent to their properties.

3. Duke Energy Kentucky's natural gas distribution delivery system does not currently extend to these customers. Duke Energy Kentucky does not currently have natural gas mains, or gas distribution facilities, adjacent to twenty-five of these twenty-seven customers. Once TC Energy abandons its old lines, for safety, each of the customers' "farm tap" service lines will have to be capped and Duke Energy Kentucky's natural gas metering equipment will be removed.

4. While TC Energy's project will not be completed until 2027/2028, Duke Energy Kentucky must begin the process of engineering, installing an alternate fuel source, and removal of existing services. If Duke Energy Kentucky does not begin this process as soon as possilbe, the customers will not have any service when TC Energy abandons the line. This is assuming the Commission grants Duke Energy Kentucky's request in this proceeding. The timing of the decision is even more important if Duke Energy Kentucky request is denied and additional filings are required.

5. Duke Energy Kentucky is requesting an informal conference with Commission Staff to discuss any potential issues regarding Duke Energy Kentucky's request.

For the foregoing reasons, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Commission schedule an informal conference to discuss the issues present in the application.

This the 3rd day of November 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on November 3, 2025 that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copies of the filing will be made.

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