

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY )	
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO )	CASE NO.
RIDER PMM RATES AND FOR TARIFF )	2023-00209
APPROVAL )	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on February 8, 2024. The Commission directs Duke Kentucky to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Duke Kentucky shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Duke Kentucky obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Duke Kentucky fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Duke Kentucky shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Duke Kentucky shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Application, pages 4–5.
  - a. Explain whether the timing of the additions to plant in service shown on Exhibit 2 are still accurate given that a Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience (CPCN) has not been issued for Phase Two of the AM07 Pipeline Replacement. Include in the response the last date a final order could be issued for the CPCN and Phase Two go into service in 2024.

b. If the timing of the additions to plant in service are no longer accurate, provide and explain the new estimated project schedule, and provide an update to Exhibit 3, in Excel spreadsheet format with all cells, columns and rows fully accessible and unprotected, reflecting the new estimated project schedule.

2. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 3, page 5.

a. Refer also to Case No. 2022-00229,<sup>2</sup> the end-of-year 2023 capital additions were estimated to be around \$29.551 million. In this case, Duke Kentucky used an end-of-year 2023 actual capital additions of approximately \$41.961 million. Provide justification for the \$12.410 million difference, including an explanation for the cost difference in the revenue requirement in this proceeding instead of the true-up filing.

b. Provide an update to Exhibit 3, in Excel spreadsheet format with all cells, columns and rows fully accessible and unprotected, reflecting the same end-of-year 2023 plant balance from Case No. 2022-00229.

c. Explain when Duke Kentucky expects a true-up to be filed for the Pipeline Modernization Mechanism. Include in the response whether a true-up filing date is in the tariff.

3. Refer to the Application, Exhibit 3, page 8. Provide a customer count for Residential and General Service as of January 31, 2024.

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<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2022-00229, *Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc., for an Adjustment to Rider PMM Rates and for Tariff Approval* (filed on Aug. 1, 2022), Application, Exhibit 2, page 5.



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