## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ELECTRONIC EXAMINATION BY THE ) PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE ) ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE MECHANISM ) OF DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. FOR THE ) SIX-MONTH BILLING PERIODS ENDING ) NOVEMBER 30, 2020, MAY 31, 2021, ) NOVEMBER 30, 2021, NOVEMBER 30, 2022, ) AND MAY 31, 2023, AND THE TWO-YEAR ) BILLING PERIODS ENDING MAY 31, 2020, AND ) MAY 31, 2022 )

CASE NO. 2023-00374

## COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND 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 April 11, 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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).

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 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 Duke Kentucky's Environmental Surcharge (ES) filing for expense months October 2021 and December 2021, Form 1.10. The Total Adjusted Jurisdictional E(m) for October 2021 as filed is \$896,302. The over- and under-recovery amount of (\$104,585) appears to be overstated in the December 2021 filing when the Total Adjusted

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Jurisdictional E(m) amount of \$896,302 is carried forward. Provide an explanation of the apparent discrepancy and a reconciliation of the amounts.

2. Refer to Duke Kentucky's ES filing for expense months February 2022 through April 2022, Form 2.20, page 2 of 3. Explain the rationale behind the February Notice of the approved landfill closure costs being recovered with a two-month lag beginning with the April 2022 expense month filing.

3. Refer to Duke Kentucky's ES filing beginning with the expense month February 2022 going forward, Form 2.00, line 16 "Monthly Amortization Expense" and Form 2.20, column 7 and column 11. Compare the figures from Form 2.00, line 16, with the "Total Recovery" (column 11) figures found on Form 2.20 beginning with the expense month February 2022 going forward. It appears that the "Total Recovery" (column 11) figure from Form 2.20 accounts for Cash Spend (column 7) with a two-month lag, while the "Monthly Amortization Expense" figure from Form 2.00 accounts for Cash Spend (column 7) in the month that the expense is incurred. Explain the rationale between the two accounting treatments for "Cash Spend" (column 7) between Form 2.20 and Form 2.00.

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