

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY)
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO)
CONVERT ITS WET FLUE GAS)
DESULFURIZATION SYSTEM FROM A)
QUICKLIME REAGENT PROCESS TO A)
LIMESTONE REAGENT HANDLING SYSTEM AT)
ITS EAST BEND GENERATING STATION AND)
FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS)
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN FOR)
RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE)
MECHANISM)

CASE NO.
2024-00152

ORDER

On July 25, 2024, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) filed an application for an Order approving a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the construction and conversion of its existing Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization from a quicklime handling process to a limestone handling process to continue to meet existing environmental regulations, (Limestone Conversion Project), amendment of the Company's Environmental Compliance Plan to include the Limestone Conversion Project, and recovery of the Limestone Conversion Project costs through the Company's Environmental Surcharge Mechanism (ESM), pursuant to KRS 278.020(1), KRS 278.183, and 807 KAR 5:001 Sections 14 and 15.

Pursuant to KRS 278.183(4), the costs associated with retaining an independent consultant shall be paid by the applicant and be included as financial costs in the ESM surcharge.

The Commission finds that Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC (Vantage) submitted an invoice for consulting services for September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. The invoice is attached as an Appendix to this Order. Duke Kentucky should remit payment for the amount of the invoice within 30 days of the date of service of this Order by check payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer and mailed or delivered to the Office of the General Counsel, Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602-0615.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Duke Kentucky shall remit payment to the Commission for Vantage's services rendered as a consultant to the Commission for the period from September 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024.

2. Duke Kentucky shall remit payment within 30 days of the date of service of this Order.

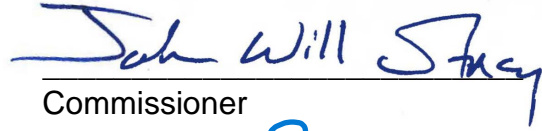
3. The payment shall be a check made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer that is delivered or postmarked as mailed to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, before the deadline.

4. Duke Kentucky shall file notice of payment into the record.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman



Commissioner

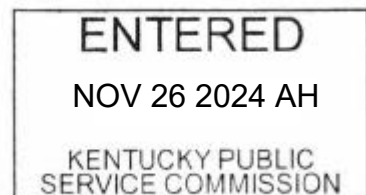


Commissioner

ATTEST:



Executive Director



Case No. 2024-00152

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00152 DATED NOV 26 2024

EIGHT PAGES TO FOLLOW

PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT INVOICE FORM
GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Pursuant to KRS 45A.695, **no payment shall be made on any personal service contract** unless the individual, firm, partnership, or corporation awarded the personal service contract submits its invoice for payment on a form established by the committee.

Invoices shall be submitted every ninety (90) days, unless the personal service contract specifies a different submission time period.

Separate invoices shall be submitted for each distinct matter covered by the personal service contract, and shall be signed by the individual responsible for that matter

The issuance of an invoice to the Commonwealth constitutes an affirmation by the individual, firm, partnership, or corporation awarded the personal service contract that the invoice truly and accurately represents work actually performed, and the expenses actually incurred.

The head of the contracting body shall approve the invoice, indicating that the charges in the invoice reflect the value of the work performed, and all recorded costs and disbursements were reasonably and necessarily incurred in connection with the matter invoiced.

NOTE: All questions must be answered fully. If the space provided is insufficient, additional pages should be attached referencing the specifically numbered item. Any questions regarding the invoice requirements should be directed to the contracting agency.

Contract Number: PON2 123 2400002509 **Date of Invoice:** 9-30-2024

The Commonwealth of Kentucky
Contracting Body

Energy & Environment Cabinet/Public Service Comm.
Division, Branch, etc.

1. Name & Address of Contractor:

Vantage Energy Consulting LLC
1609 Carrera Drive
Lady Lake, FL 32159

2. Contractor's Tax I.D. Number: 27-2585037 -

3. Effective Period of Contract:

Starting Date: 7/1/2024 -
Ending Date: 6 / 3 0 / 2 0 2 6 -

4. Combined Total Amount Charged in this

Invoice for Services and Reimbursable
Disbursements: 23,715.00

5. Dates of Service Covered under this invoice:

Starting Date: 09/01/2024 -
Ending Date: 09/30/2024 -

6. Is this the FINAL invoice for services performed under this contract:

_____Yes **X**_No

7. Date of most recent invoice submitted prior to this invoice: 8/31/2024

8. How often is the contractor required to submit invoices under the terms of the personal service contract:

Monthly

9. Provide a description of the matter covered by this invoice:

Duke Environmental Compliance Plan Consultant

10. Provide a full description of each service provided, including the date each service was performed, the name and title of each individual who worked on the matter, and the time the individual spent on the matter:

See attached T&E's for each Vantage Consultant

11. Provide the hourly rate for each individual working on the matter and the total charge for that individual for each matter involved:

See attached T&E for each Vantage Consultant and Invoice

12. Provide the subject matter and recipient of any correspondence:

Invoice submitted to Vickie Cravens

13. Provide a full description of any work product produced, designating the way in which the work product is associated with the matter being invoiced. (Attorneys Billing for Legal Services: If you contend that any information is subject to privilege, please identify the privileged item, and provide sufficient information to evaluate the claim of privilege):

Please see attached T&Es for each Vantage Consultant

14. Provide an itemized list of all disbursements to be reimbursed by the state for each matter invoiced and the total charge for that matter:

See attached Invoice

SIGNATURES:

Contractor: 

Date: 10-18-2024

Title: CEO

Contracting Body

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

INVOICE FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES

FOR : VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC

FED TAX ID # 27-2585037

INVOICE DATE: 9/30/2024
 INVOICE #: 20240984
 INVOICE PERIOD: 9/01/2024-9/30/2024
 PROJECT NAME: KPSC-DEKC
 VANTAGE PROJECT #: 2024-84
 Document ID #: PON2 123 2400002509

FIRM INVOICED: DEKC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
 Assessment of DEKC Environmental Plan

CONSULTANT	MONTH	HOURS WORKED	HOURLY RATE	BILLABLE FEES	BILLABLE EXPENSES	PERIOD AMOUNT	TOTALS
Walt Drabinski	9/01/2024-9/30/2024	18	\$255	\$4,590.00	\$0.00	\$4,590.00	\$4,590.00
Charles Buechel	9/01/2024-9/30/2024	13	\$240	\$3,120.00	\$0.00	\$3,120.00	\$3,120.00
Mike Boismenu	9/01/2024-9/30/2024	54	\$240	\$12,960.00	\$0.00	\$12,960.00	\$12,960.00
Scott Everngam	9/01/2024-9/30/2024	6.5	\$240	\$1,560.00	\$0.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00
Jean Gormley	9/01/2024-9/30/2024	11	\$135	\$1,485.00	\$0.00	\$1,485.00	\$1,485.00
SUB TOTALS		103		\$23,715.00	\$0.00	\$23,715.00	
TOTAL FEES							\$23,715.00
TOTAL PERSONAL EXPENSES							\$0.00
OVERNIGHT MAIL							\$0.00
COPYING - Black/White							\$0.00
COPYING - Color							\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS							
TOTAL SEPTEMBER 2024 MONTHLY INVOICE AMOUNT							\$23,715.00

Previous	
Expenditures August 2024	\$17,325.00
Expenditures September 2024	\$23,715.00
Cumulative expenditures billed to date (Aug-Sept 2024)	\$41,040.00

The information provided in the above invoice is believed to be accurate. Should any questions or discrepancies arise, please call or write to the following billing address.

PLEASE REMIT TO:
Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC.
 1609 Carrera Dr
 Lady Lake, FL 32159
 Attn: Jean A. Gormley
 305-744-3440

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: Walter Drabinski		Client: KPSC-Duke							Month: Sep-24				
Consultant Number: 1001		Project Number: 2024-84											
Hourly Rate: \$255		EXPENSES									Expense	Hours	Fees
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$.55	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Totals		
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3											0.00		\$0
4											0.00		\$0
5											0.00		\$0
6											0.00		\$0
7											0.00		\$0
8											0.00		\$0
9	DR response review and analysis										0.00	2	\$510
10	DR response review and analysis										0.00	2	\$510
11	DR Prep										0.00	2	\$510
12											0.00		\$0
13											0.00		\$0
14	Duke DR Compellation and review										0.00	2	\$510
15											0.00		\$0
16	Duke DR Compellation and review										0.00	2	\$510
17	Duke Vantage Team Meeting and DR rev										0.00	3	\$765
18	Drs										0.00	2	\$510
19											0.00		\$0
20											0.00		\$0
21	DR Review										0.00	2	\$510
22											0.00		\$0
23											0.00		\$0
24											0.00		\$0
25											0.00		\$0
26											0.00		\$0
27											0.00		\$0
28											0.00		\$0
29											0.00		\$0
30	Edit and review DR report										0.00	1	\$255
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	18.0	\$4,590.00
NOTES:											Total T&E: \$4,590.00		
<div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> <i>Walt Drabinski</i> _____ Signature </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> 9/30/2024 _____ Date </div>													

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: Chuck Buechel		Client: KyPSC- DUKE-2024	Month: Sep-24
Consultant Number: 1021		Project Number: 2024-84	

Hourly Rate: \$240	Description of Work	EXPENSES									Expense Totals	Hours	Fees
Day		Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$.58	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner			
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3	Reviewed AG & Sierra DRs and Duke Objection										0.00	1	\$240
4											0.00		\$0
5											0.00		\$0
6											0.00		\$0
7											0.00		\$0
8											0.00		\$0
9	Reviewed Duke responses to Staff and AG DRs										0.00	3	\$720
10	Reread testimony and responses to DRs										0.00	2	\$480
11	Prepared DRs for Second Round										0.00	3	\$720
12											0.00		\$0
13											0.00		\$0
14											0.00		\$0
15											0.00		\$0
16	Sorted First DRs and completed Second DRs										0.00	2	\$480
17	Vantage Team call and review of revised DRs										0.00	1	\$240
18											0.00		\$0
19											0.00		\$0
20											0.00		\$0
21											0.00		\$0
22											0.00		\$0
23											0.00		\$0
24											0.00		\$0
25											0.00		\$0
26											0.00		\$0
27	Reviewed intervenor data requests										0.00	1	\$240
28											0.00		\$0
29											0.00		\$0
30											0.00		\$0
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	13.0	\$3,120.00

NOTES: Total T&E: **\$3,120.00**

Chuck Buechel

Signature

9/30/2024

Date

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: Mike Boismenu		Client: Duke Energy Kentucky East Bend Generating Station WFGD Conversion - Case No. 2024-00152									Month: Sep-24		
Consultant Number 1059		Project Number: 2024-84											
Hourly Rate: \$240		EXPENSES									Expense	Labor	
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$68.5	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Totals	Hours	Fees
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3											0.00		\$0
4											0.00		\$0
5											0.00		\$0
6											0.00		\$0
7											0.00		\$0
8											0.00		\$0
9	Review the first round of the DEK Data Requests responses.										0.00	4	\$960
10	Review the first round of the DEK Data Requests responses.										0.00	4	\$960
11	Review the first round of the DEK Data Requests responses.										0.00	4	\$960
12	Review the first round of the DEK Data Requests responses.										0.00	4	\$960
13	Review the first round of the DEK Data Requests responses.										0.00	7	\$1,680
14											0.00		\$0
15											0.00		\$0
16	Prepare the second round of Data Requests.										0.00	4	\$960
17	Prepare the second round of Data Requests.										0.00	6	\$1,440
18	Prepare the second round of Data Requests.										0.00	3	\$720
19	Prepare the second round of Data Requests.										0.00	2	\$480
20	Prepare the second round of Data Requests.										0.00	5	\$1,200
21											0.00		\$0
22											0.00		\$0
23	Prepare the VEC Data Request profile and assessment report.										0.00	3	\$720
24	Prepare the VEC Data Request profile and assessment report.										0.00	3	\$720
25	Prepare the VEC Data Request profile and assessment report.										0.00	3	\$720
26											0.00		\$0
27											0.00		\$0
28											0.00		\$0
29											0.00		\$0
30	Prepare the VEC Data Request profile and assessment report.										0.00	2	\$480
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	54.0	\$12,960.00
NOTES:											Total T&E: \$12,960.00		
_____ <i>Mike Boismenu</i> Signature											_____ 10/2/2024 Date		

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: R.S. Everngam	Client: DEKC	Month: Sep-24
Consultant Number: 1072	Project Number: 2024-84	

Hourly Rate: \$240		EXPENSES									Expense Totals	Hours	Fees
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$.54	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner			
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3											0.00		\$0
4											0.00		\$0
5											0.00		\$0
6											0.00		\$0
7											0.00		\$0
8											0.00		\$0
9	Review CPCN DRs #1 responses										0.00	1.5	\$360
10											0.00		\$0
11											0.00		\$0
12											0.00		\$0
13											0.00		\$0
14											0.00		\$0
15											0.00		\$0
16											0.00		\$0
17	VEC team call; review DRs #1 responses										0.00	3.0	\$720
18	Email re: DR #1 response PJM FRR to RPM										0.00	1.0	\$240
19											0.00		\$0
20											0.00		\$0
21	Review DRs #2 (Staff, OAG, Sierra Club)										0.00	0.5	\$120
22											0.00		\$0
23	Review DRs #2 (Staff, OAG, Sierra Club)										0.00	0.5	\$120
24											0.00		\$0
25											0.00		\$0
26											0.00		\$0
27											0.00		\$0
28											0.00		\$0
29											0.00		\$0
30											0.00		\$0
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	6.5	\$1,560.00

NOTES:

Total T&E: **\$1,560.00**

R. Scott Everngam

 Signature

10/4/2024

 Date

VANTAGE ENERGY CONSULTING, LLC - TIME AND EXPENSE REPORT

Consultant Name: Jean Gormley		Client: KPSC-Duke					Month: Sep-24						
Consultant Number: 1071		Project Number: 2024-84											
Hourly Rate: \$135	EXPENSES										Expense		
Day	Description of Work	Air/Train	Hotel	Rent Car	Taxi/Park	Auto@\$.55	Other	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Totals	Hours	Fees
1											0.00		\$0
2											0.00		\$0
3											0.00		\$0
4											0.00		\$0
5											0.00		\$0
6											0.00		\$0
7	Contract admin										0.00	1	\$135
8											0.00		\$0
9	DR admin										0.00	2	\$270
10											0.00		\$0
11	DR admin										0.00	1	\$135
12											0.00		\$0
13											0.00		\$0
14											0.00		\$0
15											0.00		\$0
16	DR compel and submittal										0.00	1	\$135
17	Duke Vantage Team Meeting, DR review and submittal										0.00	3	\$405
18											0.00		\$0
19											0.00		\$0
20	invoicing										0.00	2	\$270
21	DR admin										0.00	1	\$135
22											0.00		\$0
23											0.00		\$0
24											0.00		\$0
25											0.00		\$0
26											0.00		\$0
27											0.00		\$0
28											0.00		\$0
29											0.00		\$0
30											0.00		\$0
31											0.00		\$0
TOTALS:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	11.0	\$1,485.00
NOTES:											Total T&E: \$1,485.00		
<div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;"> <i>Jean Gormley</i> _____ Signature </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> 9/30/2024 _____ Date </div>													

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