

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.  
2025-00002

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 25, 2025. 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

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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).

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 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. Explain whether any recent executive orders issued on or after January 20, 2025, affect any proposals in the application. If so, identify the orders and explain the impact.

2. Provide a generalized list of all changes in pricing, return on equity, and planning that deviate from the previous filing in Case No. 2024-00152.<sup>2</sup>

3. Refer to the Application generally. Compare the application and testimony in the current proceeding with the case record in Case No. 2024-00152, and explain and identify any updates or changes that have been made.

4. Confirm that the requested return on equity is the same in this application as the application for a general rate adjustment.<sup>3</sup> If not confirmed, explain why not.

5. If Duke Kentucky's position is to roll back environmental protections,<sup>4</sup> explain the conflict between this application and these public statements.

6. If environmental protections are rolled back as requested in the cited article, provide Duke Kentucky's plan going forward in response to the decreased protections.

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<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2024-00152, *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* (filed July 25, 2024).

<sup>3</sup> Case No. 2024-00354, *Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for: 1) An Adjustment of the Electric Rates; 2) Approval of New Tariffs; 3) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory Assets and Liabilities; and 4) All Other Required Approvals and Relief* (filed Dec. 2, 2024).

<sup>4</sup> [Ohio energy companies ask EPA to roll back regulations on coal ash, greenhouse gases](https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/companies/ohio-energy-companies-ask-epa-to-roll-back-regulations-on-coal-ash-greenhouse-gases/ar-AA1y9RnS?ocid=BingNewsSerp) <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/companies/ohio-energy-companies-ask-epa-to-roll-back-regulations-on-coal-ash-greenhouse-gases/ar-AA1y9RnS?ocid=BingNewsSerp> (last visited 2/11/25).

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