

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE)	
ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. FOR 1) AN)	
ADJUSTMENT OF THE NATURAL GAS RATES;)	CASE NO.
2) APPROVAL OF NEW TARIFFS; AND 3) ALL)	2025-00125
OTHER REQUIRED APPROVALS, WAIVERS,)	
AND RELIEF)	

ORDER

On June 2, 2025, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) filed its application for a general adjustment of base rates using a forecasted test year. In addition, Duke Kentucky proposed several changes to its current tariffs as well as a regulatory asset related to rate case expense. The application proposed that the new rates become effective on July 2, 2025.

Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), changes to any rate by any utility is prohibited except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Therefore, since the application was accepted for filing as of June 2, 2025, the earliest date that Duke Kentucky's proposed rates can be effective is July 2, 2025. Having reviewed Duke Kentucky's application, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates, and that an investigation cannot be completed by July 2, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for six months, up to and including January 2, 2026.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule is necessary to review the reasonableness of the proposed rates. Therefore, the Commission establishes the procedural schedule attached as an Appendix to this Order.

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that Duke Kentucky should participate in an informal technical conference, to allow Duke Kentucky to summarize the application and provide a technical presentation on the financial schedules included with the application. The presentation may also highlight and discuss the format of the application, including a walkthrough of the issues including any requested tariff changes, presented in this matter and the written testimony or documents in support thereof. The informal technical conference should be in person at 211 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky on June 20, 2025, at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. There will be a virtual option for intervening parties, and Staff will ensure all the participants will receive the link. Due to space limitations, persons not planning on actively participating in the discussions or presentations are encouraged to appear virtually; however presenting participants are expected to appear in person.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Duke Kentucky's proposed rates are suspended for six months, up to and including January 2, 2026.
2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
3. Duke Kentucky shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

4. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission.

5. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

6. Any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

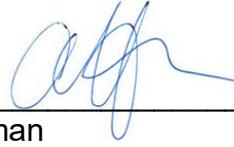
¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by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

7. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

8. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

9. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to substitute witnesses or excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to substitute witnesses or excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman

Vice Chairman



Commissioner

ATTEST:



Executive Director



APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00125 DATED JUN 13 2025

Informal Technical Conference, at 211 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY
at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.....06/20/2025

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted..... 06/24/2025

All initial requests for information to Duke Kentucky
shall be filed no later than 07/03/2025

Duke Kentucky shall file responses to initial requests for
information no later than..... 07/17/2025

All supplemental requests for information to Duke Kentucky
shall be filed no later than 08/01/2025

Duke Kentucky shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 08/15/2025

Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than 09/03/2025

All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than 09/16/2025

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than..... 09/26/2025

Duke Kentucky shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal
testimony no later than 10/03/2025

Last day for Parties to request a Public Hearing or submit a
request for the matter be decided based upon the written record 10/07/2025

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