

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY)	CASE NO.
KENTUCKY, INC. TO AMEND ITS DEMAND SIDE)	2025-00272
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS)	

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 October 10, 2025. The Commission directs Duke Kentucky to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ 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

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).

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 at 6. Explain the reasoning behind requiring a participating customer to pay a copay for upgrades to the Residential Smart \$aver kits. Additionally, provide examples of how much the copay would be for a participating customer.

2. Refer to the Application at 6. Explain how much the budget would increase if Duke Kentucky were to absorb the costs of the Residential Smart \$aver kit upgrades.

Additionally, explain how Duke Kentucky's absorption of program expenses might impact the Cost Effectiveness Test Results for the Residential Smart \$aver program.

3. Refer to the Application at 7–8. Explain how the proposed Energy Efficiency in Education Program differs from the previously terminated Energy Efficiency Education Program for Schools.

4. Refer to the Application, Appendix D. Explain why the Demand Side Management Rate (DSMR) decreased for both residential and non-residential distribution service. Provide cost justification for the decreases in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible.

5. Refer to the Application, Appendix J at 1.

a. Clarify whether the title of the program is Small Business Energy Saver Program or Business Energy Saver Program.

b. Explain and exemplify what satisfactory consent means in the tariff.

c. Refer to the sentence starting "(SBES) facilitates the installation of." Explain whether the parentheses are necessary in that sentence.

6. Refer to the Application, Exhibit C. Provide the exhibit in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible.

7. Refer to the Application, Exhibit G at 22. The DSMore Table Excel spreadsheet was not provided. Provide the table in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible.

8. Refer to the Application at 3 and 7. Provide the Cost Effectiveness Test results for all of Duke Kentucky's existing and proposed DSM programs in table format.



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