COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC ANNUAL COST RECOVERY)	CASE NO.
FILING FOR DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT BY)	2025-00359
DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.)	

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 December 30, 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 filling 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 Annual Status Report, Appendix D at 1. Refer also to Case No. 2025-00272,² Application, Appendix D at 1. Explain and reconcile the discrepancy in the Rider DSMR rates proposed in this case and Case No. 2025-00272.

² Case No. 2025-00272, Electronic Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. to Amend its Demand Side Management Programs (filed Aug. 15, 2025).

- 2. Refer to the Annual Status Report, Appendix C, page 5. Refer also to Case No. 2025-00272, Application, Appendix C, page 5. Confirm that Duke Kentucky calculated the rates proposed in this application assuming the budgetary changes proposed in Case No. 2025-00272 were approved. If not confirmed describe the budgetary parameters used to calculate the rates and provide updated rates that reflect approval the budgetary changes. Refer to the Annual Status Report, page 45, and page 46.
- a. Provide the net present value of avoided energy, avoided capacity, avoided Transmission and Distribution (T&D) and gas production costs.
- b. Provide the avoided cost values used in the calculation of net benefits under the Utility Cost Test (UCT).
- c. Explain how the shared savings are calculated and provide all calculations and requested data in item a and b in the Excel spreadsheet format.
- 3. Refer to the Annual Status Report, Appendix B, page 1. Regarding the Peak Time Rebate Pilot Program (Program 12), with a low UCT score of 0.18, explain what specific program modifications or strategies are planned for the next fiscal year (beyond increasing marketing) to improve its cost-effectiveness score and reach the higher threshold.
- 4. Refer to the Annual Status Report, page 40. For the Non-Residential Pay for Performance (Program 11), explain the specific marketing activities and outreach conducted during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- 5. Refer to the Annual Status Report, page 39, and Appendix B, page 1. For the Business Energy Saver (Program 10), which generated 233 percent of the filed plan's

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savings with only 38 projects, provide a list of the 7 SmartPath projects that generated 9,656,521 kWh in savings, including customer type and measure installed.

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