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Case No. 2026-00114

Thank you for your comments on the application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2026-00114 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2026-00114 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**From:** Rebecca Kirchhoff [REDACTED]  
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Good Morning:

I am writing regarding **Case No. 2026-00114**, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s application concerning gas distribution lines in Campbell County. I respectfully ask the Commission to grant approval of this application.

I am a property owner in Campbell County, Kentucky, and I am directly affected by the proposed Northern Kentucky Gateway natural gas project. Because my property is already subject to an existing transmission line and will also be burdened by a new one, this proceeding has immediate and significant consequences for my property rights, utility service, and long-term use of the land.

My property is directly affected by the Farm Tap In off the existing transmission lines and agreement. My home relies totally on natural gas for household use, and when the home was built about five years ago, tap rights were granted through the agreement involving Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. and TC Energy.

### **1. Existing contractual and service rights**

In 1947, a gas transmission line was placed across the farm, and the landowners were provided compensation together with tap rights and the ability to purchase gas from the pipeline for domestic use. The farm currently has two tap rights serving two homes. I understand that TC Energy no longer allows new farm taps and has directed this issue to Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. At the same time, Duke has reportedly stated that it will not provide natural gas service to properties on Wagoner Road, despite gas stepdown nearby.

(California Cross Road & Wagoner Rd) Duke has proposed affected property owners to shift to propane or electric service which would impose substantially higher ongoing costs and would be fundamentally inconsistent with the historical rights and expectations tied to the property. This issue should be resolved before any new easement or related request is approved.

The existing TC Energy line is expected to become dormant once the new High-Pressure line is up and running. One potential solution previously discussed would be to use the existing easement for a separate gas line capable of serving Wagoner Road properties and other affected landowners along the current route. At a minimum, the Commission should require a clear plan that protects continued access to natural gas service for the affected properties.

In addition, I understand that TC Energy does not intend to return the original easement to the property owners. If that is correct, the Commission should closely examine whether that position is consistent with the obligations and terms of the prior easement arrangement. Existing contractual commitments should not be ignored while new burdens are imposed on the same property.

Original Agreement attached from 1947

### **2. Burden on the affected property owner**

This project has already required substantial time, expense, and effort from those directly affected, and those burdens will only increase if construction moves forward. The Commission should weigh not only the proposed utility benefits, but also the very real costs imposed on individual landowners whose property rights and daily utility needs are directly affected.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Commission to approve Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s application to continue to supply natural gas service to those households affected by the NKY Gateway Pipeline and protect our existing service rights and easement obligations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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