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October 26, 2026

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2026-00114

Notice is given to all parties that the attached Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. Informal Conference Memorandum and attendance list has been filed into the record of this proceeding.

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the document, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Lawson, Staff Attorney III, at AmandaV.Lawson@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin McNeil".

Justin McNeil
Executive Director

Attachment

INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO: Case File No. 2026-00114

FROM: Amanda Lawson, PSC Staff Attorney

DATE: October 23, 2026

RE: Informal Conference of October 19, 2026

Pursuant to Order issued October 15, 2026, a virtual informal conference (IC) was conducted on October 19, 2026. Attached is a copy of the attendance roster.

The purpose of the IC was to discuss Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s (Duke Kentucky) application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), the effect of a related declaratory order on this case, and Commission Staff's Third Request for information (Staff's Third Request).

Duke Kentucky maintained that fuel conversion was the least-cost option but understood the declaratory order as potentially leaving extensions available subject to a CPCN. Duke Kentucky sought clarification whether the application was moot or should be decided on its merits, and whether customers seeking continued natural gas service would have to bear extension costs under its tariff.

Duke Kentucky stated that customer communications remained informal and that no definitive count of customers willing to convert was available. Duke Kentucky estimated that approximately half of the affected customers are currently willing to accept conversion, but noted that two or three strongly opposed conversion. Duke Kentucky indicated less clarity regarding the remaining customers. Duke Kentucky's counsel noted that Item 2.b. of Staff's Third Request sought customer and outreach information.

Staff cautioned that it could not speak for the Commission and could not make any decisions at the IC. Staff noted that it would summarize the IC in a memo to be placed in the file and would inform the Commission of the discussion and the clarification sought by Duke Kentucky. However, Staff indicated that it was unlikely any clarification would be provided expect in the final order in this case and that to the extent that Duke Kentucky thought the case was no longer necessary that Duke Kentucky could request to withdraw the case.

Staff explained that the pending requests for information sought factual information and legal contentions relevant to resolving the application, including information regarding whether the request or a portion thereof was moot. Staff indicated that it was important for Duke Kentucky to thoroughly respond to those requests to ensure that the Commission had sufficient information to make an appropriate decision in this case.

Staff asked about the status of TC Energy's case before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and its abandonment of the line. Duke Kentucky reported that TC Energy planned construction in early 2027, with abandonment of one line anticipated in April 2027 and the other in October or November 2027. Duke Kentucky indicated that final federal approval remained pending, though TC Energy reportedly indicated that it remained on schedule.

Duke Kentucky asked whether the statutory deadlines for an order would restart if they withdrew the case and sought to refile at a later date, and Staff indicated that they likely would. Duke Kentucky confirmed that it would continue preparing its responses to the request for information, which were due October 26, 2026, seven days after the IC.

There being no further material discussion, the IC was adjourned.

cc: Parties of Record

PSC INFORMAL CONFERENCE SIGN IN SHEET

CASE NUMBER: 2026-00114 Duke Kentucky's CPCN

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

DATE: October 19, 2026 10:00am

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