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Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
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Re: Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
Petition Requesting Confidential Treatment received 5/1/15
PSC Reference: Case No. 2011-00450

Dear Mr. D'Ascenzo:

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(3), Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke") by Petition received May 1, 2015, requested confidential treatment of certain information filed with the Commission outside of a formal proceeding. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(3)(c), provides that the Commission's "executive director, as official custodian of the commission's records, shall determine if the material is within an exclusion established in KRS 61.878 and the time period for which the material should be considered as confidential and shall advise the requestor of his or her determination by letter." This letter constitutes my determination of your request.

The information you request the Commission treat as confidential is identified as being contained in Duke's 2014 Reliability Report and Vegetation Management Plan. The information is described as Exhibit A of each report which contain physical street addresses of all of Duke's electric substations and circuits.

Your justification for having the Public Service Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information classified as critical infrastructure information could present a threat to public safety.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(m)(1)(f) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, it has been determined that the information requested to be held confidential if publicly disclosed could present a threat to public safety. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for**

confidential protection and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case for an indefinite period of time, or until further orders of the Commission. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 13(9) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. is required by Section 13(10)(b) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Richard Raff, General Counsel at (502) 782-2588.

Sincerely,



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