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### VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

April 26, 2018

Ms. Gwen R. Pinson Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: 2017 Reliability Report and Vegetation Management Plan Update

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Enclosed please find a signed paper of the Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. 2017 Reliability Report and Vegetation Management Plan Update together with the redacted part of Exhibit A provided in Excel format on CD.

We have included the unredacted part of Exhibit A in Excel format on CD in a separate envelope to be filed under seal. Also enclosed is a Petition for Confidential Treatment for your consideration in the above referenced matter.

Please date-stamp the two copies of the letter and the filings and return to me in the enclosed envelope.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Rebecca Goodman

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

An Investigation of the Reliability	)	
Measures of Kentucky's Jurisdictional	)	Administrative
Electric Distribution Utilities	)	Case No. 2011-00450

### DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.'S PETITION FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF CERTAIN INFORMATION FILED FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or Company) respectfully submits this petition in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13, seeking the confidential treatment of certain information filed for calendar year 2017:

- 1. On January 11, 2012, the Commission issued an Order in this proceeding requiring Duke Energy Kentucky to collect and maintain all records necessary to evaluate its system reliability performance in accordance with the methodology established by the most recent edition of the ("IEEE") standard number 1366 "Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices," which currently is IEEE Standard 1366-2012.
- 2. On May 30, 2013, the Commission issued its Order requiring all jurisdictional utilities to file annual reliability reports and to develop vegetation management plans. Pursuant to the Order, jurisdictional utilities were required to report a 5 year average of reliability data. The reports are required to be based upon a calendar year (January to December) and filed by the first business day in May in the year immediately following the reporting year.
- 3. The Commission's regulations, in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, provide that any person requesting confidential treatment of any material file a petition setting

forth the grounds, pursuant to KRS 61.870 *et seq.*, upon which the Commission should classify that material as confidential.

- 4. Kentucky Revised Statute § 61.878(1)(c)(1) provides that records confidentially disclosed to an agency or required to be disclosed to the agency be exempt from Kentucky's open records statutes, KRS 61.870 *et seq*. where the records are generally recognized as confidential or proprietary, and which if openly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the entity that disclosed the records.
- 5. Duke Energy Kentucky submits that the following information, if openly disclosed, could present security issues:
  - a. Physical street addresses of all the Company's electric substations and circuits.
- 6. The above information, if openly disclosed, would allow the public knowledge as to the specific physical location of critical utility infrastructure, namely Duke Energy Kentucky substations and circuits. With this information, a possible security issue could arise. Such actions might include theft, destruction, possible injury, and/or vandalism. Releasing the street address of all of the Company's electric substations in one public filing would present a significant security and reliability risk where a concentrated action could undermine Duke Energy Kentucky's distribution system and the security of its grid.
- 7. The information for which Duke Energy Kentucky is seeking confidential treatment is not known outside of Duke Energy Corporation.
- 8. Duke Energy Kentucky does not object to limited disclosure of the confidential information described herein to any intervenors, pursuant to an acceptable

protective agreement, and with a legitimate interest in reviewing the same for the purpose of participating in this case.

- 9. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13(2), Duke Energy Kentucky has attached to this Petition, under seal, one copy of Exhibit A of the 2017 Reliability Report and Vegetation Management Plan and one copy of Exhibit A of the 2017 Reliability Report and Vegetation Management Plan with the confidential material omitted or otherwise redacted. Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Confidential Information be withheld from public disclosure indefinitely. This will assure that the Confidential Information will not become available to the general public. To the extent the Confidential information becomes generally available to the public, whether through filings required by other agencies or otherwise, Duke Energy Kentucky will notify the Commission and have its confidential status removed, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13(10)(a).
- 10. This information was, and remains, integral to Duke Energy Kentucky's effective execution of business decisions and such information is generally regarded as confidential or proprietary. Indeed, as the Kentucky Supreme Court has found, "information concerning the inner workings of a corporation is generally accepted as confidential or proprietary." Hoy v. Kentucky Industrial Revitalization Authority, Ky., 904 S.W.2d 766, 768 (Ky. 1995).

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Kentucky respectfully requests that the Commission:

- 1. Accept this Petition for filing;
- 2. Grant the information delineated herein confidential treatment in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13 and KRS 61.870 et seq.

Respectfully submitted,

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing filing was served on the following via overnight mail, this 2614 day of April 2018:

Rebecca Goodman

The Office of the Attorney General

Utility Intervention and Rate Division

700 Capital Avenue, Suite 20 Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601

Rocco D'Ascenzo

### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC.
RELIABILITY REPORT AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2017

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#### I. Introduction

On May 30, 2013, the Commission issued its Order requiring all jurisdictional utilities to file annual reliability reports and to develop vegetation management plans. Pursuant to the Order, jurisdictional utilities were required to report a 5 year average of reliability data. The reports are required to be based upon a calendar year (January to December) and filed by the first business day in May in the year immediately following the reporting year.

Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Energy Kentucky or the Company) submits its Reliability Report and Vegetation Management Plan update for Calendar year 2017 as required by the Commission's May 30, 2013 Order in Case No. 2011-00450.<sup>1</sup>

#### II. Reliability Report Summary

Consistent with the most recent edition of the standard number 1366 "Guide for Electric Power Distribution Reliability Indices," and the Commission's Order,<sup>2</sup> the following is included in Exhibit A of Duke Energy Kentucky's Reliability Report Summary:

- 1. Calculate the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) system-wide indices including Major Event Days (MEDs) and calculate the SAIDI system-wide indices excluding MEDs;
- 2. Calculate the System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) system-wide indices including MEDs and calculate the SAIFI system-wide indices excluding MEDs;
  - 3. Develop a system-wide rolling five-year average SAIDI excluding MEDs;
  - 4. Develop a system-wide rolling five-year average SAIFI excluding MEDs;
  - 5. Calculate SAIDI excluding MEDs for every circuit within its system;
  - 6. Develop a rolling five-year average SAIDI for each circuit within its system;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the matter of An Investigation of the Reliability Measures of Kentucky's Jurisdictional Electric Distribution Utilities, Case No 2011-00450. (Order)(May 30, 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id*.

- 7. Compare each circuit to that circuit's rolling five-year average SAIDI;
- 8. Calculate SAIFI excluding MEDs for every circuit within its system;
- 9. Develop a rolling five-year average SAIFI for each circuit within its system;
- 10. Compare each circuit to that circuit's rolling five-year average SAIFI.
- 11. File a Reliability Report by May 1 of each year, containing the reliability information as outlined in the attached Appendix for the preceding calendar year from January 1 to December 31 that includes the SAIDI and SAIFI system-wide indices, both including and excluding MEDs.
- 12. For each circuit with either SAIDI or SAIFI value higher than that circuit's respective SAIDI or SAIFI rolling five-year average, excluding MEDs, include in the annual Reliability Report the following information:
  - a. The circuit's SAIDI index for the year;
  - b. The circuit's SAIFI index for the year;
  - c. The circuit's rolling five-year average SAIDI;
  - d. The circuit's rolling five-year average SAIFI;
  - e. The substation name, number and location (i.e., County-Road-Town);
  - f. The circuit name, number and location (Town-Road-General Area);
  - g. The circuit's overall length in miles to the nearest tenth of a mile;
  - h. The number of customers served on the circuit for the year;
- i. The date of the last circuit trim performed by the utility as part of its vegetation management plan;
- j. A list of outage causes for the circuit, along with the percentage of total outage numbers represented by each cause;

- k. Circuit five-year average SAIDI;
- 1. Reporting year SAIDI;
- m. Circuit five-year average SAIFI;
- n. Reporting year SAIFI;
- o. A Corrective Action Plan which describes any measures the utility has completed or plans to complete to improve the circuit's performance; and
- p. Any other information the utility believes will assist the Commission in understanding the circumstances surrounding the circuit's performance.

#### III. Vegetation Management Plan Update and Summary

Duke Energy Kentucky filed its initial Vegetation Management Plan with this Commission on December 18, 2007 in Case No. 2006-00494.<sup>3</sup> Duke Energy's Midwest Vegetation Management Group is responsible for controlling vegetation growth for 37,000 miles of transmission and distribution overhead electric lines and gas supply lines in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.

Exhibit B is a copy of Duke Energy Kentucky's Vegetation Management Plan. There have been no substantive amendments or changes to the Company's plan since it was initially filed with the Commission on December 18, 2007.

As part of its 2018 plan, Duke Energy Kentucky plans to trim trees and maintain vegetation along 288 miles of its distribution system. The Company was able to get a good start on our Vegetation Plan for 2018. As of March 3, 2018 Duke Energy Kentucky has completed approximately 17% of its scheduled trimming, or approximately 47 miles of its distribution system. This leaves approximately 241 miles to be trimmed in 2018. The Company does not

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id*.

anticipate any difficulty in completing all planned trimming for 2018. The Company will have sufficient crew coverage throughout the year.

During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017, Duke Energy Kentucky finalized negotiations with a long term contract to support trimming activities in Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### **Electric Distribution Utility Annual Reliability Report**

#### **SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION**

UTILITY NAME	DUKE ENERGY KENTUCKY
REPORT PREPARED BY	BRETT STOCKTON
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#### **SECTION 2: REPORTING YEAR**

CALENDAR YEAR OF REPORT	2017

#### **SECTION 3: MAJOR EVENT DAYS (MED)**

TMED	4.6669
FIRST DATE USED TO DETERMINE TMED	January 1, 2012
LAST DATE USED TO DETERMINE TMED	December 31, 2016
NUMBER OF MED IN REPORT YEAR	3

NOTE: Per IEEE 1366 TMED should be calculated using the daily SAIDI values for the five prior years. If five years of data are not available, then utilities should use what is available until five years are accumulated

#### SECTION 4: SYSTEM RELIABILITY INFORMATION AND RESULTS

#### System-wide Information

TOTAL CUSTOMERS	141 973	TOTAL CIRCUITS	132	
TOTAL COSTOWILING	141,973	TOTAL CIRCUITS	132	

#### **Excluding MED**

5 YEAR A	VERAGE	REPORTI	NG YEAR
SAIDI 105.60		SAIDI	98.91
SAIFI	0.98	SAIFI	0.81

#### Including MED

5 YEAR A	VERAGE	REPORT	NG YEAR
SAIDI	163.90	SAIDI	230.38
SAIFI	1.16	SAIFI	1.11

#### **Notes**

- 1) All duration indices (SAIDI) are to be reported in units of minutes.
- 2) Reports are due on the first business day of April of each year
- 3) Reports cover the calendar year ending in the December before the reports are due.
- 4) IEEE 1366 (latest version) is used to define SAIDI, SAIFI, and TMED

SUBSI	TATION NAME	SUBSTATION NUMBER	SUBSTATION
ATLAS		170	KENTON
AUGUS	TINE	78	KENTON
	AUGUSTINE	78	KENTON
41	BEAVER	88	BOONE
41	BUFFINGTON	67	KENTON
42	BUFFINGTON	67	KENTON
044	BUFFINGTON	87	KENTON
047	BUFFINGTON	67	KENTON
0041	CLARYVILLE	147	CAMPBELL.
0042	CLARYVILLE	147	CAMPBELL
43	CLARYVILLE	147	CAMPBELL
41 49	COLD SPRING	132 132	CAMPBELL CAMPBELL
	COLD SPRING	_	
3	CONSTANCE	42	BOONE
	COVINGTON	217	KENTON
42	CRESCENT	70	KENTON
13	CRESCENT	70	KENTON
44	CRESCENT	70	KENTON
045	CRESCENT	70	KENTON
42	CRITTENDEN	124	GRANT
141	DAYTON	76	CAMPBELL
42	DAYTON	76	CAMPBELL
143	DAYTON	76	CAMPBELL
13	DIXIE	<b>8</b> 9	BOONE
14	DIXIE	89	BOONE
43	DONALDSON	55	KENTON
)44	DONALDSON	55	KENTON
041	DRY RIDGE	109	GRANT
)42	DRY RIDGE	109	GRANT
41	EMPIRE	289	BOONE
42	EMPIRE	289	BOONE
41	FLORENCE	241	BOONE
41	GRANT	161	GRANT
42	HANDS	128	KENTON
	HANDS	128	KENTON
11	HEBRON	152	BOONE
42	HEBRON	152	BOONE
5	HEBRON	152	BOONE
	KENTON	9	KENTON
2	KENTON	9	KENTON
42 44	KENTON	9	KENTON
	KENTON	9	KENTON
45 42		9 287	CAMPBELL
42 45	KY UNIV		
		287	CAMPBELL
041	LONGBRANCH	98	BOONE
43	LONGBRANCH	98	BOONE
43	MT ZION	305	BOONE
0042	richwood	199	BOONE
0043	RICHWOOD	199	BOONE
041	SILVER GROVE	62	CAMPBELL
042	SILVER GROVE	62	CAMPBELL
042	THOMAS MORE	134	BOONE
Ю41	VERONA	125	KENTON
042	VERONA	125	KENTON
)41	VILLA	243	KENTON
	VILLA	243	KENTON
4	WEST END STA	15	HAMILTON
13	WILDER	59	KENTON
	WILDER	59	KENTON
	WILDER	59	KENTON

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CIRCUIT GENERAL AREA	TOTAL CIRCUIT LENGTH (miles)	CUSTOMER COUNT FOR THIS CIRCUIT	DATE OF LAST CIRCUIT TRIM (VEGETATION MANAGEMENT)	CIRCUIT 5-YEAR AVERAGE (SAIDI)	REPORTING YEAR (2017) SAIDI	DID SAIDI INCREASE IN 2017?	CIRCUIT 5-YEAR AVERAGE (SAIFI)	REPORTING YEAR (2017) SAIFI	DID SAIFI INCREASE IN 2017?
Crescent Springs, Erlanger	5.78	436	4/25/2016	230.3	407.6	YES	1.61	1.88	YES
Covington	7.71	2026	11/2/2013	60.6	157.8	YES	0.66	1.25	YES
Covington	12.45	2443	9/27/2013	42.7	283.1	YES	0.50	2.63	YES
Walton	48.29	1285	12/18/2017	182.2	305.3	YES	1.56	3.05	YES
Elsmere	14.03	1826	11/7/2014	41.0	103.8	YES	0.43	1.11	YES
Florence	4.37	51	6/6/2015	72.1	127.3	YES	0.25	0.96	YES
Erlanger	25.72	3046	6/6/2015	81.2	184.5	YES	0.54	1.28	YES
Florence	15.06	1808	5/9/2015	81.1	112.3	YES	0.71	1.45	YES
Grant's Lick	61.1	1697	12/19/2015	162.0	282.3	YES	1.31	2.31	YES
Grant's Lick	53.49	1952	10/15/2016	180.8	319.4	YES	1.39	2.16	YES
Claryville	1.48	7	12/5/2015	12.8	136.2	YES	0.36	0.43	YES
Cold Springs	41.2	1288	3/17/2014	99.6	160.4	YES	0.82	0.60	NO
Highland Heights	24.14	906	7/22/2014	157.0	312.9	YES	1.23	1.92	YES
Erlanger	2.41	1	3/12/2016	49.6	682.8	YES	0.69	1.00	YES
Covington	10.33	1792	11/7/2014	54.9	82.5	YES	0.63	1.43	YES
FT. MITCHELL	31.41	1907	10/18/2014	108.7	462.3	YES	1.24	3.62	YES
Ft. Mitchell	17.81	1649	12/6/2014	96.7	224.2	YES	0.77	1.01	YES
Crescent Springs	10.32	724	12/19/2015	117.9	146.7	YES	0.71	1.29	YES
FT. MITCHELL	21.24	1785	new in 2016	12.8	61.2	YES	0.07	0.37	YES
Crittenden	25.14	920	8/10/2013	150.1	255.1	YES	1.21	2.17	YES
Dayton	4.9	1035	11/23/2015	32.1	29.4	NO	0.20	0.69	YES
Dayton	11.05	1620	12/5/2015	27.4	193.8	YES	0.14	2.68	YES
Dayton	6.57	1125	12/19/2015	27.3	52.4	YES	0.14	0.70	YES
Florence	1.62	31	3/21/2015	70.6	73.3	YES	0.18	0.13	NO
Florence	1.33	9	3/21/2015	57.2	65.9	YES	0.53	1.00	YES
Erlanger, Florence, CVG	17.94	751	11/15/2014	118.5	255.7	YES	2.19	1.99	NO
Erlanger, Florence, CVG	9.03	640	10/3/2015	16.1	59.8	YES	0.71	0.41	NO
Dry Ridge	7.43	579	12/3/2016	86.9	121.0	YES	0.78	1.01	YES
Dry Ridge	3.13	156	11/28/2016	101.4	122.1	YES	0.93	1.01	YES
Florence, Union	26.27	1815	10/15/2013	199.5	218.5	YES	1.60	1.77	YES
Florence	1.19	1	10/19/2013	298.0	617.2	YES	2.07	2.00	NO
Florence Mail	1.96	6	Nothing to trim	60.2	125.0	YES	1.00	1.00	NO
Dry Ridge	4.81	137	8/25/2017	185.7	154.2	NO	1.21	1.42	YES
Taylor Mill	9.28	368	4/19/2016	24.1	31.9	YES	0.15	0.17	YES
ERLANGER	21.12	1235	12/12/2015	54.9	101.9	YES	0.77	1.21	YES
Hebron	21.65	1367	5/23/2014	127.9	75.8	NO	0.76	1.20	YES
Petersburg	47.72	649	5/22/2014	152.3	93.4	NO	1.15	1.84	YES
Hebron	17.86	474	5/17/2014	76.2	136.4	YES	1.80	1.85	YES
Ft. Wright, Ft. Mitchell	19.7	1516	12/5/2013	72.1	142.3	YES	0.73	1.32	YES
Taylor Mill	14.48	955	5/11/2016	55.4	304.7	YES	0.27	1.57	YES
Ft. Wright, Ft. Mitchell	22.53	2314	8/10/2013	99.4	139.4	YES	1.29	1.75	YES
Ft. Wright, Latonia	14.08	2154	12/8/2015	38.4	39.5	YES	0.60	0.28	NO
Northern Kentucky University	15.05	1748	12/5/2013	43.6	131.0	YES	0.49	0.81	YES
Northern Kentucky University	1.34	4	12/31/2013	13.8	68.2	YES	0.15	0.25	YES
FLORENCE	18.81	2238	8/22/2015	0.5	0.2	NO	0.00	0.00	YES
UNION	22.13	1709	10/12/2013	10.4	68.6	YES	0.06	0.36	YES
FLORENCE	12.58	956	10/25/2013	11.7	90.8	YES	0.09	0.44	YES
Richwood	30.63	2007	11/12/2013	80.1	33.4	NO	0.54	2.08	YES
Union Comp Springer	17.04	1242	11/22/2014	58.4	122.8	YES	0.75	0.48	NO
Camp Springs	60.96	846	new in 2015	132.2	174.0	YES	0.60	1.48	YES
Silver Grove	8.33	421	new in 2015	29.7	43.0	YES	0.10	0.73	YES
Edgewood Verenz Bines Fieldhuse and Well	8.78	435	11/22/2014	37.4	183.5	YES	0.25	1.25	YES
Verona, Piner, Fiskburg and Wal	48.52	857	6/11/2016	246.0	420.9	YES	1.48	2.02	YES
Walton	22.4	774	12/27/2017	74.9	412.3	YES	0.60	2.30	YES
Lakeside Park	14.61	1692	4/25/2014	68.0	80.9	YES	0.58	0.33	NO
Edgewood Mutter Cotton	27.54	2263	5/2/2015	129.3	152.7	YES	1.33	1.33	NO
Mutter Gottes	1.8	90	8/24/2017	21.5	104.0	YES	0.40	0.80	YES
Covington, Latonia	9.96	1676	12/24/2016	56.4	78.8	YES	0.50	1.01	YES
Wilder & Covington	19.33	1218	7/26/2017	68.4	253.9	YES	0.39	1.89	YES
Wilder, Southgate, Ft. Thomas	13.68	1633	12/11/2017	112.6	219.8	YES	1.43	1.03	NO

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SUBSTATION - CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT NAME	CIRCUIT ID	OUTAGE CAUSE	PERCENT OF TOTAL OUTAGE MINUTES	CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
			Loss of Transmission	44.302%	Loss of transmission. No further action required.
			Unknown	36.07%	
			Equipment failure	8.38%	
ATLAS - H9321700041	ATLAS 41	H9321700041	Other	7.38%	
			Vegetation	3.75%	
			Wildlife	0.08%	
			Lightning strike	0.04%	
	AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER	1. 18 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		100.000%	The first surface of the second surface and the
			Other	52.765%	Mylar balloons removed from line. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	41.789%	
AUGUSTINE - H9320780042	AUGUSTINE 42	H9320780042	Planned	4.636%	
			Wildlife	0.593%	
			Unknown	0.138%	
			Vegetation	0.080%	
				100.000%	
			Weather	70.408%	Weather related. No failures located. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	25.277%	
			Vegetation	2.189%	
AUGUSTINE - H9320780045	AUGUSTINE 45	H9320780045	Planned	1.444%	
AUGUSTINE - H9320780045	AUGUSTINE 45	H9320780045	Wildlife	0.327%	
			Unknown	0.208%	
			Public Accident	0.061%	
			Other	0.050%	
			Lightning strike	0.037%	
				100.000%	
			Lightning strike	27.308%	Weather related due to Hot Line Tag. No further action required.
			Unknown	26.243%	
			Weather	25.036%	
REAVER 110320860041	DEAVED 44	110220050041	Vegetation	8.918%	
BEAVER - H9320860041	BEAVER 41	H9320860041	Planned	5.271%	
			Other	4.568%	
			Equipment failure	1.546%	
			Public Accident	0.984%	
			Wildlife	0.126%	
		Control of the second second	Mark Control of the Control	100.000%	1000 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10
			Public Accident	83.428%	Public Accident damaged pole. Repaired and restored. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	8.042%	
BUFFINGTON - H9320670041	<b>BUFFINGTON 41</b>	H9320670041	Other	6.593%	
	501111010141		Planned	1.718%	
			Lightning strike	0.200%	
			Wildlife	0.018%	
				100.000%	
BUFFINGTON - H9320670042	BUFFINGTON 42	H9320670042	Equipment failure	52.672%	Tree touching line and blown arrestor. Removed and repaired. No further action required.
			Vegetation	47.328%	
	Carried and Company of the Company o		Charles and the second second second	100.000%	

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			Equipment failure	61.967%	Substation equipment failure- permanent repaired. No further action required.
			Lightning strike	35.011%	
			Public Accident	2.174%	
BUFFINGTON - H9320670044	BUFFINGTON 44	H9320670044	Planned	0.489%	
		BASINESSA PEROS SOCIALIS	Wildlife	0.204%	
			Unknown	0.060%	
			Other	0.057%	
			Weather	0.038%	
			AND THE PERSON NOT VISION	100.000%	
			The state of the s		Substation equipment failure - permanent repairs
			Equipment failure	64.612%	completed. No further action required.
			Vegetation	27.851%	
BUFFINGTON - H9320670047	BUFFINGTON 47	H9320670047	Planned	6.335%	
			Other	0.831%	
			Wildlife	0.257%	
			Unknown	0.114%	
				100.000%	
			Equipment failure	55.093%	Failed Overhead equipment repaired. Self-Healing feeder. No further action required.
			Weather	28.335%	
			Vegetation	8.733%	
			Planned	3.845%	
CLARYVILLE - H9321470041	CLARYVILLE 41	H9321470041	Public Accident	1.518%	
			Other	1.479%	
			Unknown	0.967%	
			Wildlife	0.016%	
				0.015%	
	SANORISM PROSECULARIO PAR		Lightning strike	100.000%	
				100.000%	Oak top fall into line. Demondered and appaired. No further
-			Vegetation	65.979%	Oak tree fell into line. Removed and repaired. No further action required.
			Weather	25.193%	
			Equipment failure	3.808%	
CLARYVILLE - H9321470042	CLARYVILLE 42	H9321470042	Lightning strike	3.607%	
			Planned	1.060%	
			Other	0.143%	
			Wildlife	0.138%	
Α			Unknown	0.071%	
	(1) (1) (2) (2) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1			100.000%	
			Weather	68.394%	Weather related blown fuse. Replaced. No further action required.
CLARYVILLE - H9321470043	CLARYVILLE 43	H9321470043	Wildlife	21.951%	required.
			Equipment failure	9.655%	
			Equipment failure	100.000%	
A WILLIAM CARE MEN WERE WERE A TANKED			Equipment fallers	44.971%	Multiple fuses seplected. No firsther action required
			Equipment failure		Multiple fuses replaced. No further action required.
			Unknown	20.509%	
			Planned	17.913%	
COLD SPRING - H9321320041	COLD SPRING 41	H9321320041	Other	11.817%	
		The second secon	Public Accident	3.586%	
			Vegetation	0.636%	
			Lightning strike	0.490%	
			Wildlife	0.078%	
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			Vegetation	65.077%	Removed Ash Tree and repaired Overhead line. No further action required.
			Wildlife	22.183%	
			Planned	6.314%	
COLD SPRING - H9321320049	COLD SPRING 49	H9321320049	Lightning strike	5.944%	
			Other	0.182%	
			Equipment failure	0.172%	
			Unknown	0.105%	
			Public Accident	0.024%	
	A PARTIE SEAL TO SEAL AND THE SEAL AND ASSESSED.		Fublic Accident	100.000%	
CONSTANCE - H9320420043	CONSTANCE 43	H9320420043	Public Accident	100.000%	Public Accident bulldozer snapped pole. No further action required.
			ME THE WHEN THE PROPERTY OF THE	100.000%	required.
			Vegetation	60.151%	Tree in line removed. No further action required.
			Vegetation	17.807%	Tree in line removed. No farther action required.
			Equipment failure		
			Lightning strike	5.872%	
COVINGTON - H9322170043	COVINGTON 43	H9322170043	Other	4.679%	
			Planned	3.873%	
			Wildlife	3.507%	
			Weather	3.334%	
			Unknown	0.777%	
	是是在社会产品的企业的企业			100.000%	
			Vegetation	43.037%	Tree in line, Public Accident, contractor work. Permanent repaired. No further action required.
			Public Accident	26.645%	
			Unknown	23.522%	
CRESCENT - H9320700042	CRESCENT 42	H9320700042	Equipment failure	6.148%	
			Other	0.514%	
		1	Planned	0.072%	
			Lightning strike	0.035%	
			Wildlife	0.027%	
			whalie	100.000%	
			Vegetation	90.594%	1 tree related outage. Planned overhead transformer upgrades. No further action required.
			Mosther	6.793%	upgrades. No further action required.
			Weather		
CONCERNIT LIGHT CONCERNIT	CDECCENT 43	110220700043	Planned	1.707%	
CRESCENT - H9320700043	CRESCENT 43	H9320700043	Other	0.378%	
			Lightning strike	0.258%	
			Equipment failure	0.194%	
			Wildlife	0.067%	
			Public Accident	0.009%	
<b>人,从</b> 对于"大大"的				100.000%	
			Equipment failure	49.789%	Tree in line removed and loss of transmission restored. No further action required.
			Vegetation	26.084%	
CRESCENT - H9320700044	CRESCENT 44	H9320700044	Planned	16.607%	
			Weather	6.707%	
			Wildlife	0.539%	
			Other	0.274%	
				100.000%	

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				T	Tree removed from line. Defective cable repaired. No
			Equipment failure	46.780%	further action required.
			Unknown	26.495%	lurther action required.
CRESCENT - H9320700045			Planned	15.356%	
	CRESCENT 45	H9320700045	Public Accident	6.052%	
113320700043	Chescell 45	113320700043	Weather	3.885%	
			Wildlife	0.836%	+
			Vegetation	0.422%	
			Other	0.174%	
			Other	100.000%	
				100.000%	
			Vegetation	43.807%	Transmission source restored. No further action required.
			Planned	35.238%	
			Unknown	9.324%	
CRITTENDEN - H9321240042	CRITTENDEN 42	H9321240042	Equipment failure	5.751%	
			Other	4.542%	
			Weather	1.012%	
			Wildlife	0.284%	
			Lightning strike	0.041%	
				100.000%	
			Planned	59.501%	Planned overhead transformer upgrades. No further action required.
		H9320760041	Wildlife	23.237%	
DAYTON - H9320760041	DAYTON 41		Unknown	15.980%	
			Other	0.957%	
			Vegetation	0.325%	
			vegetation	100.000%	
			DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF	100.00070	
			Unknown	77.989%	Circuit was carrying addtional circuit and relayed due to hot line tag on relay. Restored. No further action required.
			Public Accident	21.109%	
DAYTON - H9320760042	DAYTON 42	H9320760042	Wildlife	0.258%	
			Equipment failure	0.250%	
			Vegetation	0.171%	
			Other	0.167%	<del> </del>
			Planned	0.058%	
			Name of the second	100.000%	
				100.000%	
DAYTON HOSSOTEONAS	DAVTON 43	H0330760043	Equipment failure	73.665%	Failed padmounted switchgear. Restored. Replacement was scheduled March 2018. No further action required.
DAYTON - H9320760043	DAYTON 43	H9320760043	Equipment failure Other	73.665%	
DAYTON - H9320760043	DAYTON 43	H9320760043			
DAYTON - H9320760043	DAYTON 43	H9320760043	Other	16.725%	
DAYTON - H9320760043	DAYTON 43	H9320760043	Other Planned	16.725% 9.517%	
DAYTON - H9320760043	DAYTON 43	H9320760043	Other Planned	16.725% 9.517% 0.092%	was scheduled March 2018. No further action required.  Tree took out line. Line replaced/repaired. No further
DAYTON - H9320760043  DIXIE - H9320890043	DAYTON 43		Other Planned Wildlife Vegetation	16.725% 9.517% 0.092% 100.000% 87.112%	was scheduled March 2018. No further action required.
		H9320760043	Other Planned Wildlife  Vegetation Equipment failure	16.725% 9.517% 0.092% 100.000% 87.112% 5.132%	was scheduled March 2018. No further action required.  Tree took out line. Line replaced/repaired. No further
			Other Planned Wildlife  Vegetation Equipment failure Unknown	16.725% 9.517% 0.092% 100.000% 87.112% 5.132% 4.731%	was scheduled March 2018. No further action required.  Tree took out line. Line replaced/repaired. No further
			Other Planned Wildlife  Vegetation Equipment failure	16.725% 9.517% 0.092% 100.000% 87.112% 5.132% 4.731% 3.024%	was scheduled March 2018. No further action required.  Tree took out line. Line replaced/repaired. No further
			Other Planned Wildlife  Vegetation Equipment failure Unknown	16.725% 9.517% 0.092% 100.000% 87.112% 5.132% 4.731%	was scheduled March 2018. No further action required.  Tree took out line. Line replaced/repaired. No further

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			Vegetation	55.651%	Ash Tree removed from overhead line on unaccessible road. No further action required.
DONALDSON - H9320550043	DONALDSON 43	H9320550043	Equipment failure	43.904%	
DONALD3014 113320330043	DONALDSON 45	113320330043	Planned	0.162%	
			Unknown	0.147%	
			Wildlife	0.135%	
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			Planned	57.519%	Planned Cable Injection. No further action required.
			Vegetation	19.114%	
DONALDSON, HOSSOFFOOAA	DONALDSON 44	110330550044	Equipment failure	16.852%	
DONALDSON - H9320550044	DONALDSON 44	H9320550044	Other	5.895%	
			Wildlife	0.544%	
			Public Accident	0.075%	
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DRY RIDGE - H9321090041	DRY RIDGE 41	H9321090041	Vegetation	98.310%	Transmission source restored. No further action required.
			Planned	1.690%	
Market Committee of the	學是學術學的自己是對於自己的學學學學學	NEWSTREET, BUTTON BUTTON BUTTON	REAL STATE SERVICE CHANGE	100.000%	
DRY RIDGE - H9321090042	DRY RIDGE 42	H9321090042	Vegetation	97.582%	Transmission source restored. No further action required.
			Planned	2.418%	
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			Unknown	28.686%	
			Vegetation	23.428%	
			Planned	17.896%	Planned overhead transformer upgrades. No further action required.
	2010012 2 4 4	0.70.0000000000000000000000000000000000	Equipment failure	13.408%	(aquival)
EMPIRE - H9322890041	EMPIRE 41	H9322890041	Weather	7.940%	
			Other	4.911%	
			Public Accident	2.027%	
			Lightning strike	1.485%	
			Wildlife	0.218%	
PRINCIPLE OF THE PRINCI	PER PER MODE OF THE PER PER PER PER PER PER PER PER PER PE	Participation of the Control of the	NAME OF THE PERSON OF THE PERS	100.000%	
EMPIRE - H9322890042	EMPIRE 42	H9322890042	Other	86.021%	Large Customer overloaded transformer. Replaced. No further action required.
			Unknown	13.979%	
				100.000%	作。 第一章
FLORENCE - H9322410041	FLORENCE 41	H9322410041	Equipment failure	100.000%	Replaced defective cable. No further action required.
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CRANT 110221C10041	CDANT 44	110224540045	Vegetation	90.379%	Removed Ash Tree and repaired Overhead line. Line trimmed in 2017. No further action required.
GRANT - H9321610041	GRANT 41	H9321610041	Planned	7.429%	
			Equipment failure	2.192%	
Bereit Brief Line Brief and Alexander	EN STEEL STE			100.000%	

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			Vegetation	59.252%	Removed Tree and repaired Overhead line. Line trimmed in 2017. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	14 345%	2017. No further action required.
			Public Accident		
HANDS - H9321280042	HANDS 42	H9321280042	Planned		
			Weather		
			Other		
			Wildlife		
PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPE	AND ALCOHOLOGICAL AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O	The state of the s	whalie		
				100.00076	Safety - Opened for Public Accident. No further action
			Public Accident	74.718%	required.
			Planned	14.345%  8.983% 6.066% 5.451% 5.212% 0.691% 100.000%  74.718% Safety - Opened for required.  18.646% 4.600% 1.816% 0.161% 0.059% 100.000% 66.305% Public Accident, aure further action required.  18.373% 13.929% 1.111% 0.156% 0.125% 100.000% 57.633% Public Accident, aure further action required.  26.790% 6.393% 5.500% 1.349% 0.909% 0.881% 0.576% 100.000% Planned outage for required.  29.455% 100.000% Removed tree and further action required.	
HANDS - H9321280044	HANDS 44	H9321280044	Weather		
			Vegetation	and the second s	
			Unknown		
			Other	0.059%	
	<b>国际</b> 经验的基础的	。 "我们现代这样,我们就会可能是对于他		100.000%	
			Public Accident	66.305%	Public Accident, auto pushed tree into Overhead line. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	18.373%	
HEBRON - H9321520041	HEBRON 41	H9321520041	Weather	13.929%	
			Vegetation	1.111%	
			Wildlife		
			Planned		
	Control of the second second		Market Section Control of the Spine		
			Public Accident		Public Accident, auto pushed tree into Overhead line. No further action required.
			Unknown	26.790%	
			Vegetation		
HEBRON - H9321520042	HEBRON 42	H9321520042	Equipment failure		
			Wildlife		
			Weather		
			Planned		
			Other		
		The Royal Control of the National Acade.	Other		
HEBRON - H9321520045	HEBRON 45	H9321520045	Planned		Planned outage for Cable injection. No further action
HEBRON - H9321320043	HEBRON 45	H9321520045		20.4550/	required.
			Public Accident		
A Commission of the Commission				100.000%	
			Vegetation	66.245%	Removed tree and repaired line. Line trimmed in 2017. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	12.406%	
KENTON - H9320090041	KENTON 41	H9320090041	Planned	10.826%	
			Lightning strike	8.510%	
			Wildlife	1.824%	
			Other	0.188%	
				100.000%	

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			Vegetation	75.140%	Removed tree and repaired line. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	14.111%	
KENTON - H9320090042	KENTON 42	H9320090042	Unknown	5.232%	
			Wildlife	4.258%	
			Planned	1.129%	
			Other	0.131%	
		Property of the second second second		100.000%	AL SALES AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF
			Equipment failure	48.585%	General planned repairs. Miscoded. No further action required.
			Vegetation	16.048%	
			Public Accident	11.081%	
KENTON - H9320090044	KENTON 44	H9320090044	Planned	11.061%	
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			Weather	5.720%	
			Other	0.749%	
			Wildlife	0.621%	
			wildille	100.000%	
				100.000%	Barrier deilad Overhand conductor, required flaggers, No.
			Equipment failure	67.229%	Repaired failed Overhead conductor - required flaggers. No further action required.
			Other	10.554%	
KENTON - H9320090045	KENTON 45	H9320090045	Vegetation	10.554%	
KENTON 115520050045	RENTON 43	n3320090043	Planned	6.505%	
			Wildlife	3.880%	
			Unknown	1.148%	
			Public Accident	0.130%	
<b>的图</b> 包是1985年中国第二国际营销				100.000%	
			Public Accident	41.336%	Public Accident, repaired Overhead line. No further action required.
			Weather	32.960%	, adament
			Planned	12.095%	Planned Transformer upgrades. No further action required.
KY UNIV - H9322870042	KY UNIV 42	H9322870042	Lightning strike	6.748%	Training Transformer approach. To tartife action required
			Vegetation	3.392%	
			Equipment failure	1.913%	
			Other	0.986%	
			Wildlife	0.570%	
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KY UNIV - H9322870045	KY UNIV 45	H0333970045	Faul and A failure	100.000%	Dealered transfermer. No further estimates in a
NT UNIV - 119322870045	KT UNIV 45	H9322870045	Equipment failure	100.000%	Replaced transformer. No further action required.
			Anna Carlo Car	100.000%	
LONGBRANCH - H9320980041	LONGBRANCH 41	H9320980041	Planned	66.834%	Planned overhead transformer upgrades. No further action required.
			Vegetation	33.166%	
				100.000%	
			Planned	98.692%	Replaced blown fuse - flaggers required. No further action required.
LONGBRANCH - H9320980043	LONGBRANCH 43	H9320980043	Wildlife	0.552%	
201100114111111111111111111111111111111	LONGBRANCH 43	H3320380043	Vegetation	0.437%	
			Equipment failure	0.188%	
			Unknown	0.131%	

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			Unknown	75.666%	Removed tree and repaired line. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	16.010%	
			Weather	2.923%	
MT ZION - H9323050043	MT ZION 43	H9323050043	Other	2.474%	
			Planned	1.751%	
			Wildlife	1.058%	
			Lightning strike	0.118%	
PERENCE CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP			Ligituinig strike	100.000%	
				100.00076	2 public accidents and loss of transmission restored. No
			Public Accident	46.889%	further action required.
			Other	20.080%	
RICHWOOD - H9321990042	RICHWOOD 42	H9321990042	Vegetation	17.645%	
			Wildlife	12.390%	
			Equipment failure	2.647%	
			Unknown	0.348%	
			Marie Committee of the	100.000%	[4] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2] [2
			Other	72.697%	Replace failed cable. No further action required.
DICHEVOOR HERRALDOOM	2151111002 12	H9321990043	Equipment failure	13.525%	
RICHWOOD - H9321990043	RICHWOOD 43		Planned	11.926%	
			Lightning strike	1.852%	
			Lightening Strike	100.000%	
			Unknown	45.901%	Relay had Hot Line Tag and locked out. No problem found.
			V	20.2254	No further action required.
			Vegetation	38.326%	
SILVER GROVE - H9320620041	SUL/ED CDOV/5 44		Other	13.328%	
SILVER GROVE - H9320620041	SILVER GROVE 41	H9320620041	Wildlife	0.795%	
			Equipment failure	0.687%	
			Weather	0.541%	· ·
			Public Accident	0.269%	
			Planned	0.153%	
				100.000%	
			Planned	94.930%	Planned overhead transformer upgrades. No further action required.
SILVER GROVE - H9320620042	SILVER GROVE 42	H9320620042	Wildlife	3.291%	
			Other	1.212%	
			Equipment failure	0.567%	
		<b>"你是我们的人,我们就是我们的人,我们</b>	MANY CONTRACTOR STATES	100.000%	
			Unknown	83.852%	Repaired failed Overhead to underground termination. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	10.453%	
THOMAS MORE WAS A SECOND			Vegetation	2.914%	
THOMAS MORE - H9321340042	THOMAS MORE 42	H9321340042	Other	1.050%	
			Lightning strike	0.827%	
			Wildlife	0.741%	
			Planned	0.162%	
			Fiamled		
				100.000%	

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			Vegetation		Replaced poles and line taken down by tree. Line trimmed
1			Weather	8.987%	in 2016. No further action required.
			Weather		
VERONA - H9321250041	VERONA 41	H9321250041	Equipment failure		
			Lightning strike	1.343%	
			Planned	0.375%	
			Other	0.167%	
			Public Accident	0.036%	
				100.000%	
			Vegetation	54.954%	Transmission source restored due to tree. Public accident.  No further action required.
			Public Accident	37.839%	
VEDONA 110334350043	VERONA 43	110334350043	Lightning strike	4.039%	
VERONA - H9321250042	VERONA 42	H9321250042	Equipment failure	1.591%	
			Planned	1.421%	
			Other	0.105%	
			Unknown	0.051%	
OF THE PARTY OF TH		BY HOLENSHIE A GIRLS TO SEE	CHRIGHT	100.000%	
			Lightning strike	57.172%	Weather related. No further action required.
			Vegetation	14.910%	Weather related. No farther action required.
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VILLA - H9322430041	VILLA 41	U0222420041	Equipment failure	12.817%	Diamed and transferred to the first has notice
VILLA - H9322430041	VILLA 41	Other 3.844 Wildlife 0.960	10.293%	Planned overhead transformer upgrades. No further action required.	
				3.848%	
			Wildlife	0.960%	
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			Loss of Transmission	31.360%	Replaced blown fuse. Restored loss of transmission. No further action required.
			Equipment failure	31.103%	
			Lightning strike	30.196%	
			Planned	3.695%	
VILLA - H9322430044	VILLA 44	H9322430044	Other	1.261%	
			Weather	1.257%	
			Public Accident	0.359%	
			Wildlife	0.352%	
			Unknown	0.346%	
			Vegetation	0.070%	
				100.000%	
WEST END STA - H40C0151524	WEST END STA 24	H40C0151524	Planned	100.000%	Replace pole from public accident. No further action required.
				100.000%	
			Public Accident	97.910%	
			Planned	1.131%	
WILDER - H9320590043	WILDER 43	H9320590043	Wildlife	0.407%	
		113320330013	Other	0.345%	
			Equipment failure	0.345%	
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			Lightning strike 38.970%	38.970%	Pole Fire - opened line for safety. Repaired. No further action required.
			Planned	32.788% 24.555%	
WILDER - H9320590044	WILDER 44	H9320590044	Equipment failure		
WILDER - H9320390044	WILDER 44	H9320390044	Public Accident	2.294%	
			Weather	38.9/0% action required.  32.788%  24.555%  2.294%  0.676%  0.672%  0.045%  100.000%  42.512% Repaired broken conductor. Self-healing circuit. No furth action required.  30.945%  14.771%  9.710%  1.122%  0.857%  0.055%	
			Wildlife		
			Vegetation		
	Water Control of the			100.000%	REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE
			Equipment failure	42.512%	Repaired broken conductor. Self-healing circuit. No further action required.
,			Unknown	30.945%	
			Vegetation	14.771%	
WILDER - H9320590045	WILDER 45	H9320590045	Weather	9.710%	
			Lightning strike	1.122%	
		*	Wildlife	0.857%	
	1		Planned	0.055%	Repaired broken conductor. Self-healing circuit. No further
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#### Duke Energy Kentucky's Vegetation Management Plan

#### Goals

Duke Energy's goals for its Vegetation Management Operations are to balance the need for reliable utility service with safe and cost-effective vegetation management practices that preserve our local communities' natural surroundings, aesthetics and the environment. Targeted herbicides provide one of the most cost-effective and environmentally friendly means of controlling undesirable vegetation.

#### Safety

Our goals are to work safely at all times to achieve a zero injury culture and to minimize the safety risk of vegetation and conductor contacts. Serious or fatal shocks can occur when working in trees near power lines. Duke Energy strives to minimize that risk by trimming properly in accordance with industry tree trimming safety standards.

#### Reliability

Duke Energy's electric service reliability, as measured by SAIFI and SAIDI, has improved in recent years due in part to our more rigorous tree trimming practices. Duke Energy strives to trim its Kentucky distribution circuits every four-and-one-half years and transmission every six years.

#### Tree Care Standards

Duke Energy requires its employees and contractors to prune trees in accordance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and National Arborist Association (NAA) standards. The relevant standards are ANSI Z133, Safety in Tree Trimming Operations, and ANSI A300, Safety in Tree Care Operations. These ANSI standards were developed in cooperation with the NAA. Additionally, Duke Energy follows the practices in Field Guide for Qualified Line Clearance Tree Workers by Dr. Alex L. Shigo, former head of the U.S. Forest Service. In rural areas, Duke Energy may authorize its contractors to use mechanized pruning equipment.

#### **Tree Trimming Specifications**

#### 69KV and above Transmission Lines

- 15 feet clearance to the side from all conductors.
- 15 feet clearance below the lowest conductor.
- No overhanging/encroaching branches permitted.
- Trim to the previously established widths of our right-of-way and practice established beyond the 15 feet widths.

#### 3 Phase Primary Lines and 2 Phase Primary Lines

- 10 feet clearance to the side from all conductors.
- 10 feet clearance below the conductors.
- Multi-phased lines will be pruned as high as the buckets will reach but no less than 60' above the ground. In any case where overhang is allowed to remain, all hazardous overhangs (dead, dying, diseased, structurally unsound, etc.) shall be removed.

#### Single Phase

- 10 feet clearance to the side from all conductors.
- 10 feet clearance below the conductors.
- Overhang: all live branches above the conductors shall be removed to a minimum height of 15 feet, and at a 45-degree angle. All dead and structurally weak branches overhanging any primary voltage wires shall be removed.
- Underneath the primary: 10 feet clearance from the conductors to the closest limbs beneath the phases.

#### Secondary Lines

- 5 feet clearance to the side from the secondary line.
- 5 feet clearance above and below the secondary line.

#### Services Lines

• 1 foot swing clearance from all service lines.

#### Brush/Wood Removal

- Circuit maintenance brush is removed, wood cut into movable pieces.
- Customer may request off-cycle maintenance in accordance with the clearance standards above brush and wood is customer's responsibility.
- Storm Work no brush or wood removal.

#### **Customer** Notification

- Duke Energy customers are notified of tree trimming being done on their property by door hanger cards.
- Duke Energy requires its contractors to contact local government officials prior to beginning work in the community.

#### Right Tree In The Right Place

• Duke Energy will cooperate in tree removal with local government officials as needed.

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#### Determination of Need to Perform Maintenance/Evaluation of Plan Effectiveness

Duke Energy regularly monitors its SAIFI and SAIDI measures. If SAIFI or SAIDI were to significantly decline, Duke Energy would evaluate whether to modify its vegetation management practices, including its right-of-way clearing cycle, in order to improve SAIFI and SAIDI performance. Duke Energy also monitors the performance of individual circuits. If an individual circuit has a significant number of outages, Duke Energy will perform off-cycle tree trimming as needed. Duke Energy also monitors industry tree trimming standards and modifies its tree trimming practices as necessary to meet or exceed industry standards.