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July 9, 2012

Duke Energy Business Services, LLC
Attention: Rocco O. D'Ascenzo
139 East Fourth Street
1303 Main Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-0960

Re: Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 4/27/12
PSC Reference – Case No. 2012-00085

Dear Mr. D'Ascenzo:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on April 27, 2012 on behalf of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. ("Duke") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Duke's Responses to Commission Data Requests dated 4/13/12, Nos. 11, 12 and 25. The information is described as (Nos. 11 and 12) – containing contracts including sensitive information of vendors of Duke Kentucky and its Carolinas, Ohio and Indiana affiliates; and (No. 25) – contains specific kW and kWh impacts that were developed by third parties.

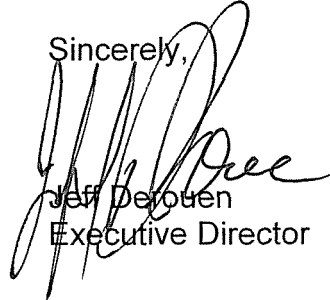
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors, and result in injury to third parties.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Duke's competitors and could result in injury to third parties. 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. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff DeLoen", is written over the typed name and title.

Jeff DeLoen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record