COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ELECTRONIC EXAMINATION OF THE)	
APPLICATION OF THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
CLAUSE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY)	2020-00247
FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2019 THROUGH)	
APRIL 30, 2020)	

ORDER

On September 2, 2020, Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) filed a motion, pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, requesting that the Commission grant confidential protection to portions of KU's Responses to the Commission's Order dated August 19, 2020. Specifically, KU seeks confidential treatment for bid analysis information in Response to Request No. 21(b) for a period of five years.

KU asserts that the Response to Request No. 21(b) contains confidential and proprietary information pertaining to its bid analysis and selection process, such as specific factors and/or input KU considers in evaluating bids for coal supply. According to KU, such information is made available exclusively to those KU employees with a legitimate business need to know.

KU further contends that the confidential information, if disclosed, would afford potential bidders a means to tailor their bids to correspond to and comport with KU's bidding criteria, thereby manipulating the bid solicitation process to the detriment of KU and its ratepayers. Disclosure of this information would therefore damage KU's competitive position and business interests.

Having considered the motion and the material at issue, the Commission finds that the Response to Request No. 21(b) are generally recognized as confidential or proprietary; it therefore meets the criteria for confidential treatment and is exempted from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. KU's motion for confidential treatment is granted.
- 2. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection five years or until further Order of this Commission.
- 3. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
- 4. KU shall inform the Commission if the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment.
- 5. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, KU shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If KU is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.
- 6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no

longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to KU to seek a remedy afford law.	ded by
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By the Commission

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