

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
POWER COMPANY FOR (1) A GENERAL)	
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES FOR ELECTRIC)	
SERVICE; (2) AN ORDER APPROVING ITS 2017)	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN; (3) AN)	CASE NO.
ORDER APPROVING ITS TARIFFS AND)	2017-00179
RIDERS; (4) AN ORDER APPROVING)	
ACCOUNTING PRACTICES TO ESTABLISH)	
REGULATORY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; AND)	
(5) AN ORDER GRANTING ALL OTHER)	
REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF)	

ORDER

On October 27, 2022, Kentucky Power Company (Kentucky Power) filed a motion, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment until June 1, 2025, for materials filed as required by the Commission's January 18, 2018 Order.

Kentucky Power requested confidential treatment under KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1), which prohibits public disclosure of records confidentially disclosed to an agency that are generally recognized as confidential or proprietary, and, if openly disclosed, would permit an unfair commercial advantage to competitors of the entity that disclosed the records.

Kentucky Power characterizes these records as Fixed Resource Requirement/Reliability Pricing Model (FRR/RPM) election analysis. The designated material includes the analyses and FRR/RPM elections made by Kentucky Power and other American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP) operating companies that operate in

the PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM) Base Residual Auction of the PJM 2024/2025 planning year. Kentucky Power argued that this information is used in the PJM Base Residual Auction bidding process, and public disclosure would permit its competitors to alter their bidding strategies to Kentucky Power's detriment.

The Commission notes that the designated material is the same type of information that has been filed annually in accordance with the January 18, 2018 Order and that the Commission granted confidential treatment to the information previously.¹

Having considered the motion and the material at issue, the Commission finds that Kentucky Power's motion should be granted because the designated material, which includes planned bid amounts and calculations demonstrating how this bid was arrived at, is generally recognized as confidential or proprietary. Competitors bidding in this auction could use this information to manipulate the bidding process to Kentucky Power's detriment. The designated material therefore meets the criteria for confidential treatment and is exempted from public disclosure pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Kentucky Power'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 until June 1, 2025, 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).

¹ See Order (Ky. PSC Apr. 23, 2021); Order (Ky. PSC Jan. 7, 2022).

4. Kentucky Power 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, Kentucky Power 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 Kentucky Power 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 allow Kentucky Power to seek a remedy afforded by law.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

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Chairman Kent A. Chandler did not participate in the deliberations or decision concerning this case.



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