

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SENTRA	)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL	)	2022-00359
CONTRACT	)	

ORDER

On October 25, 2022, Sentra Corporation (Sentra) filed a special contract with Indian Creek Farm proposing rates that are discounted from those in Sentra’s tariff. The proposed contract states that the effective date is November 1, 2022, subject to approval by the Commission.

KRS 278.030 provides that a utility may collect fair, just and reasonable rates and that the service it provides must be adequate, efficient and reasonable. KRS 278.170(1) prohibits a utility from giving any unreasonable preference or advantage to any person or subjecting any person to any unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage.

KRS 278.180(1) requires a utility to provide the Commission with 30 days’ notice before making changes to any rate, unless the Commission prescribes a shorter period under the circumstances established in KRS 278.180. KRS 278.190(2) authorizes the Commission to suspend a proposed rate schedule for at least five months beyond the time when it would otherwise go into effect (and up to six months if the rate is based on a forecasted period).

Having reviewed the proposed contract and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness

of the proposed contract and that such investigation cannot be completed by November 24, 2022, which is the earliest possible effective date for the proposed contract if the Commission does not prescribe a shorter notice period pursuant to KRS 278.180. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will, therefore, suspend the effective date of the proposed contract for five months, up to and including April 23, 2023.

The Commission, on its own motion, also finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this case. A procedural schedule is set forth in the Appendix to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
2. Sentra's proposed contract is suspended for five months from November 24, 2022, up to and including April 23, 2023.
3. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

4. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding that is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts that the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

5. Sentra shall give notice of any scheduled hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov)"; and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listing on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov)." At the time publication is requested, Sentra shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

7. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

8. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.


9. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions to excuse witnesses from testifying at Commission hearings. Accordingly, motions to excuse a witness from testifying at a Commission hearing or from testifying in person at a Commission hearing shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

10. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

  
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Commissioner



ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-00359 DATED NOV 10 2022

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted.....	11/21/2022
All initial requests for information to Sentra shall be filed no later than .....	11/30/2022
Sentra shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than.....	12/21/2022
All supplemental requests for information to Sentra shall be filed no later than .....	01/13/2023
Sentra shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than .....	01/30/2023
Last day for Parties to request a Public Hearing or submit a request for the matter be decided based upon the written record .....	02/06/2023

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