

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES)
COMPANY FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS) CASE NO. 2014-00371
ELECTRIC RATES)

ORDER REGARDING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

On April 14, 2015, Kentucky Utilities Company ("Movant") moved, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1), that certain materials filed with the Commission be afforded confidential treatment and not be placed in the public record subject to public inspection.

In support of its motion, Movant states that the information it is requesting to be held confidential is contained in the rebuttal testimony filed on behalf of David Wathen. The information is more particularly described as an employee salary survey prepared by Towers Watson.

Having carefully considered the motion and the materials at issue, the Commission finds that:

1. The materials for which Movant seeks confidential treatment meet the criteria for confidential treatment and are exempted from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(a) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, with the exception of executive officer salaries. The Commission has previously held that because executive officer "salaries are included as an expense in base rate calculations," and because they are "subject to public dissemination in regulatory filings," such salary information is not

entitled to confidential protection.¹ Movant has not offered any argument to depart from this precedent, and the Commission will accordingly deny confidential protection to executive officer salary information.

2. Pursuant to KRS 61.878, the materials for which Movant requests confidential protection, excepting executive officer information, shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period of time, or until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Movant's motion for confidential protection is granted in part and denied in part.

2. Pursuant to KRS 61.878, excepting executive officer salary information, the information for which Movant requests confidential protection shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period of time, or until further Order of the Commission.

3. The executive officer information for which Movant requests confidential protection does not fall within the scope of KRS 61.878 and therefore is denied confidential protection.

4. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Movant shall file a redacted copy of the Towers Watson spreadsheet in accordance with ordering paragraphs 2 and 3.

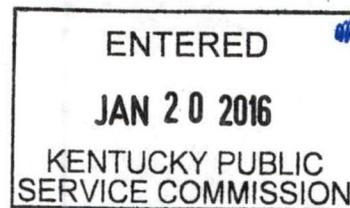
5. Use of the materials in question in any Commission proceeding shall be in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).

¹ Case No. 2012-00221, *Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of Its Electric Rates* (Ky. PSC Sept. 18, 2013).

6. Movant shall inform the Commission if the materials in question become publicly available or no longer qualify for confidential treatment.

7. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect materials granted confidential treatment by this Order, the Movant shall have 20 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the materials still fall within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Movant is unable to make such demonstration, the requested materials shall be made available for inspection.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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