

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)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO SENTRA CORPORATION C/O SENTRA RESOURCES, LLC

Sentra Corporation c/o Sentra Resources, LLC (Sentra), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on December 7, 2022. The Commission directs Sentra to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

¹ 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).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Sentra shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Sentra obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Sentra fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Sentra shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Sentra shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Application, page 2, paragraph 4.
 - a. Explain whether Indian Creek Farm is currently using natural gas for the purpose of heating or to generate electricity.
 - b. Explain whether Indian Creek Farm currently possesses the equipment necessary to burn propane for heating or for generating electricity. If not, provide the estimated cost to convert to propane.

c. Provide all communications between Sentra and Indian Creek Farm relating to the customer's concern regarding gas cost increases, plans to convert its operations to use propane, and the negotiations for the proposed special contract.

2. Refer to the Application, page 2, paragraph 5. Explain in detail how Sentra converted the current price of natural gas to be paid by the Customer to Sentra from a per Mcf rate to a per gallon rate.

3. Refer to the Application, page 2, paragraph 5. Sentra states that propane currently costs \$1.60 to \$1.98 per gallon.

a. Explain where these prices for propane originated.

b. Explain whether the price per gallon for propane includes cost for transportation.

4. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Wesley Cleary (Cleary Testimony), page 6. Explain in detail how the Customer's dollar per Mcf rate was calculated using Sentra's base rate, monthly charge, and gas cost recovery charge.

5. Refer to the Cleary Testimony, page 7. Regarding the statement, "Pursuant to the Special Contract, Sentra agrees to charge Customer the Base Rate of [redacted] Mcf for delivery of natural gas in an amount less than or equal to 50 Mcf at any of Customer's [redacted] meters in a month." Explain whether Sentra is planning to bill by total customer usage or by usage from each separate meter.

6. Refer to the Cleary Testimony, page 7, which states, "Customer agrees that during the term of this Agreement it will purchase all of its natural gas from Sentra." Explain whether Indian Creek Farm is able to procure natural gas from another source other than Sentra.

7. Following the procedures for filing confidential information set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, provide copies of Indian Creek Farm customer bills from Sentra for the twelve-month period beginning October 2021, with the customer's address, and accounting number redacted in the public version and unredacted in the confidential version. Each bill should reflect Indian Creek Farm's monthly usage, the rates billed, the gas cost recovery (GCR) rate charged, and the meter reading dates. If the bills do not reflect this information, Sentra should provide the information requested in a separate report.

8. Explain whether Indian Creek Farm is planning to purchase the propane wholesale or rental. Also, explain how Indian Creek Farm plans to transport the propane.

9. Provide the estimated amount of propane in gallons that Indian Creek Farm may procure if it were to switch from natural gas. This response should take into consideration the burn rate difference between natural gas and propane.

10. Explain whether Sentra's natural gas supplier uses the NYMEX to price the gas sold to Sentra.

11. Explain whether Sentra considered discounting the gas cost rate for Indian Creek Farm at a market cost to procure and deliver the gas to Indian Creek Farm rather than discounting the base usage rate.

12. Provide a comparison of the existing rates and proposed contract rates, and the respective annual revenue estimates for Indian Creek Farm.

13. In Excel spreadsheet format, with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible, provide a cost analysis related to this special contract to determine whether the anticipated revenue from this customer will cover all variable

costs incurred in serving this customer and also contribute toward Sentra's fixed costs. Provide the basis for all assumptions used in the analysis.

14. In Excel spreadsheet format, with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible, provide the determination of the discounted contract rates and explain how the rates were derived.



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