

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
CITIPOWER, LLC FOR A RATE ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FOR SMALL UTILITIES PURSUANT TO)	2020-00342
807 KAR 5:076)	

MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Comes now Citipower, LLC (“Citipower”), by and through counsel, pursuant to KRS 61.878, 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13 and other applicable law, and respectfully moves the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to afford confidential treatment to certain portions of Citipower’s responses to the requests for information propounded by Commission Staff in the above-captioned proceeding on July 9, 2019. In support of this motion, Citipower respectfully states as follows:

1. On October 28, 2020, Citipower tendered to the Commission an Application for the adjustment of its rates. Commission Staff propounded requests for information on December 17, 2020. Citipower is filing its responses to Staff’s requests for information contemporaneously herewith.

2. Pursuant to Commission regulation and in accordance with law, Citipower requests that the Commission afford confidential treatment to the following proprietary, personal, confidential, sensitive, and commercially valuable information (collectively, the “Confidential Information”):

a. the insurance policy identification information and account numbers contained in Citipower's response to Item Nos. 14 and 19 of Commission Staff's request;

b. the specific employee identity and compensation information contained in Citipower's responses to Item Nos. 8, 20, 22, 23 and 24 of Commission Staff's request;¹

c. customer number and loan account numbers in Citipower's responses to Item Nos. 11 and 14; and

d. the amounts allocated to entities other than Citipower contained in responses 10 and 11.

3. The Confidential Information is not appropriate for public dissemination because it includes detailed, private material about Citipower's employees. The employee-specific compensation information, and important insurance and financial account/policy numbers, for which Citipower seeks confidential treatment is all undoubtedly of a personal nature; moreover, to maintain the confidentiality of the relevant information is integral to Citipower's interests as an employer and service provider. The public disclosure of such sensitive information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and may unfairly harm Citipower's competitive position in the marketplace. The Confidential Information also includes costs that were allocated to entities other than Citipower, which are not parties to this proceeding and public dissemination of this information could cause competitive harm to those entities in the marketplace. Furthermore, it contains policy, account and loan numbers. Item 14 is an Excel spreadsheet where the Memo column could not be redacted to remove the policy and account

¹ Because of Citipower's small workforce, the release of private, employee-specific compensation data cannot be avoided by simply redacting names; for this reason, Citipower seeks confidential protection for both employee identity and title and certain corresponding employee compensation information.

numbers contained therein. The public version has the Memo column removed but the confidential version includes the Memo column.

4. The Confidential Information is proprietary information that is retained by Citipower on a “need-to-know” basis. The Confidential Information is distributed within Citipower only to those holding select positions who must have access for business reasons, and is generally recognized as confidential and proprietary in the energy industry.

5. The Kentucky Open Records Act and applicable precedent exempts the Confidential Information from disclosure. *See* KRS 61.878(1)(a); *Zink v. Department of Workers Claims, Labor Cabinet*, 902 S.W.2d 825 (Ky.App. 1994); *Hoy v. Kentucky Industrial Revitalization Authority*, 907 S.W.2d 766, 768 (Ky. 1995). The public disclosure of the Confidential Information would potentially harm Citipower’s competitive position in the marketplace, to the detriment of Citipower and its customers. Additionally, all of the Confidential Information is publicly unavailable and its confidentiality is critical to Citipower’s effective execution of business decisions and strategy. For these reasons, the Confidential Information satisfies both the statutory and common law standards for affording confidential treatment.

6. Citipower does not object to limited disclosure of the Confidential Information described herein, pursuant to an acceptable confidentiality and nondisclosure agreement, to intervenors with a legitimate interest in reviewing the same for the sole purpose of participating in this case.

7. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Citipower is filing, under seal with its confidentiality denoted, one (1) unredacted copy of its responses containing Confidential Information. Copies of the redacted versions of these documents are also being filed by Citipower.

8. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(2), Citipower respectfully requests that the Confidential Information be withheld from public disclosure for ten (10) years.

9. If, and to the extent, the Confidential Information becomes publicly available or otherwise no longer warrants confidential treatment, Citipower will notify the Commission and have its confidential status removed, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13(10).

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, Citipower respectfully requests that the Commission classify and protect as confidential the specific Confidential Information described herein for a period of ten (10) years.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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