### **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF	)
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY FOR	) CASE NO. 2022-00371
APPROVAL OF AN ECONOMIC	
DEVELOPMENT RIDER SPECIAL	
CONTRACT WITH BITIKI-KY, LLC	)

# PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL PROTECTION

Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") hereby petitions the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13 and KRS 61.878(1) to grant confidential protection for the information described herein, which KU is providing in response to the Joint Intervenors' Post-Hearing Data Request No. 3.1(b) ("JI PHDR 3.1(b)") in the above-captioned proceeding.<sup>1</sup> In support of this Petition, KU states as follows:

## Confidential Personal Information (KRS 61.878(1)(a))

- 1. The Kentucky Open Records Act exempts from disclosure certain private and personal information.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. As part of its response to JI PHDR 3.1(b), KU is providing all of its bills for service rendered to Bikiti-KY, LLC, which includes customer-specific usage and other billing information. (KU is redacting the customer's account number entirely in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001E Sec. 10(a)(3).) Such customer-specific information is personal information the public disclosure of which would result in an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Joint Intervenors are Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Solar Energy Society, Mountain Association, and Kentucky Resources Council, Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> KRS 61.878(1)(a).

- 3. The Commission has recently and consistently given confidential treatment to similar information.<sup>3</sup>
- 4. The information for which KU is seeking confidential treatment is not known outside of KU, and it is not disseminated within KU except to those employees with a legitimate business need to know the information.
- 5. KU does not object to limited disclosure of the confidential information described herein, pursuant to an acceptable protective agreement, to intervenors with legitimate interests in reviewing the same for the purpose of participating in this case.
- 6. If the Commission disagrees with this request for confidential protection, it must hold an evidentiary hearing (a) to protect KU's due process rights and (b) to supply the Commission with a complete record to enable it to reach a decision with regard to this matter.<sup>4</sup>
- 7. KU is filing with the Commission one electronic copy that identifies with redactions the information for which confidential protection is sought. In accordance with the Commission's March 24, 2020 and July 22, 2021 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085, the Companies will upload the unredacted copy noting the confidential information with highlighting to its encrypted file-share site for the Commission's retrieval. Access to the encrypted file-share site will be provided to intervenors pursuant to a confidentiality agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Case Nos. 2020-00349 and 2020-00350, Order at 10 (Ky. PSC Dec. 7, 2021) (granting confidential protection for customer-specific usage information); Application of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. for: (1) An Adjustment of the Electric Rates; (2) Approval of an Environmental Compliance Plan and Surcharge Mechanism; (3) Approval of New Tariffs; (4) Approval of Accounting Practices to Establish Regulatory Assets and Liabilities; and (5) All Other Required Approvals and Relief, Case No. 2017-00321, Order (Ky. PSC May 3, 2018) (granting confidential protection to specific customer account information, including account numbers and billing data); Application of Kentucky Utilities Company for an Adjustment of its Electric Rates, Case No. 2012-000221, Order at 1-2 (Ky. PSC July 25, 2013) (granting confidential protection to customer names, account numbers, and usage information).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Utility Regulatory Commission v. Kentucky Water Service Company, Inc., 642 S.W.2d591, 592-94 (Ky. App. 1982).

8. KU requests that the information be kept confidential for at least five years from the date of this filing as that is the amount of time necessary before the confidential information becomes dated to the point that the need for protection no longer exists.

**WHEREFORE**, Kentucky Utilities Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant confidential protection for the information described herein.

Dated: June 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

In accordance with the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085 (Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19), this is to certify that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on June 14, 2023; and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means.

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