

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing Of)	Case No. 2026-00080
Sentra Corporation)	

Sentra Corporation’s Motion For Confidential Treatment

Sentra Corporation (“Sentra”) moves the Public Service Commission of Kentucky (“Commission”) pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(2), and KRS 61.878(1)(c), for an Order granting confidential treatment for certain information that is contained in its quarterly gas cost recovery filing, specifically comprising Attachment A to Sentra’s Response to Commission Staff’s First Set of Data Requests, Item 1 (“KPSC 1-1”), which is more fully described below:

Sentra is filing contemporaneously with this Motion a quarterly report (“Report”) which contains an updated gas cost recovery rate. Included in the Report is certain information the disclosure of which would damage Sentra’s competitive position and business interests.

The Kentucky Open Records Act exempts from disclosure certain commercial information. KRS 61.878(1)(c). To qualify for this exemption and maintain the confidentiality of the information, a party must establish that disclosure of the commercial information would permit an unfair advantage to competitors of that party.

Sentra is submitting invoices received from gas suppliers as support for the Report. The invoices identify Sentra’s suppliers, unit costs, volumes, and interconnection points. The invoices contain sensitive commercial information, the disclosure of which would injure Sentra’s ability to negotiate future gas supply contracts at advantageous prices and, thereby, minimize the price of natural gas to its customers, and would unfairly advantage Sentra’s competitors for both

gas suppliers and retail gas load. Any impairment of its ability to obtain the most advantageous price possible from natural gas producers and marketers will necessarily erode Sentra's competitive position with other energy suppliers that compete in Sentra's service territory, as well as other LDCs with whom Sentra competes for new and relocating industrial customers. This sensitive information identifies Sentra's natural gas suppliers for the period set forth and links those providers with specific gas volumes delivered and the costs thereof. Sentra therefore requests that the invoices be kept confidential in their entirety.

Disclosure of the suppliers' identities, unit costs, and volumes will damage Sentra's competitive position and business interest in two ways. First, it will allow Sentra's competitors to know the unit price and overall cost of the gas Sentra is purchasing from each supplier. This information is valuable to Sentra's competitors because it can alert them to the identity of Sentra's low-cost suppliers and, if those supply agreements are more favorable than theirs, they can attempt to outbid Sentra for those suppliers. This would raise prices for Sentra, which would hurt its competitive position and harm its ratepayers. Second, disclosure will provide competitors of Sentra's suppliers with information which will enable future gas bidding to be manipulated to the competitors' advantage and to the detriment of Sentra and its customers. Instead of giving its best price in a bid, a gas supply competitor with knowledge of the recent pricing practices of Sentra's other suppliers could adjust its bid so that it just beats other bidders' prices or other terms. As a result, Sentra and its customers will pay a higher price for gas than they would have otherwise.

The Commission has previously granted requests for confidential protection for similar information in gas cost adjustment filings.¹

The information for which Sentra is seeking confidential protection is not known outside of Sentra and the relevant suppliers and is not disseminated within Sentra except for those employees with a legitimate business need to know and act upon such information. The public interest will be served by granting this Motion in that competition among Sentra's prospective gas suppliers will be fostered and the cost of gas to Sentra's customers will thereby be minimized. In addition, the public interest will be served by fostering full and fair competition between Sentra and other energy service providers within Sentra's gas service territory. For these reasons, Sentra respectfully requests that the confidential material should be treated as confidential for an indefinite period of time.

WHEREFORE, Sentra respectfully requests the Commission to enter an Order:

1. Classifying and protecting as confidential for an indefinite period of time the invoices that contain supplier information, prices, and volumes contained Attachment A to Sentra's Response to KPSC 1-1; and
2. Granting Sentra all further relief to which it may be entitled.

¹ See, e.g., *In the Matter of: Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.*, Case No. 2019-00364, Order (Ky. PSC November 6, 2019).

Respectfully submitted,



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