COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG SANDY RURAL)ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)FOR A GENERAL ADJUSTMENT OF)EXISTING RATES)

ORDER

This matter arises on a petition filed on November 16, 2017, by Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (Big Sandy RECC), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, requesting that designated materials filed with the Commission be afforded confidential protection for ten years.

In support of its petition filed on November 16, 2017, Big Sandy RECC states that public disclosure of the designated materials contained in a portion of its response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 55, would result in competitive injury and personal privacy exposure because the response contains non-executive employee identification information and compensation data.

Having considered the petition and the materials at issue, the Commission finds that the designated materials described in Big Sandy RECC's November 16, 2017 petition meet the criteria for confidential treatment and are exempted from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(a) and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

 Big Sandy RECC's November 16, 2017 petition for confidential protection is granted. 2. The designated materials shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for ten years, or until further Orders of this Commission.

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

4. Big Sandy RECC shall inform the Commission if the designated materials become publicly available or no longer qualify for confidential treatment.

5. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect the designated materials granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the materials have been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Big Sandy RECC shall have 30 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 Big Sandy RECC is unable to make such demonstration, the requested materials shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the designated materials available for inspection for 30 days following an Order finding that the materials no longer qualify for confidential treatment in order to allow Big Sandy RECC to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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By the Commission

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