

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF SENTRA)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION FOR AN ALTERNATIVE RATE)	2020-00102
ADJUSTMENT)	

ORDER

On April 3, 2020, Sentra Corporation (Sentra) tendered an application (Application), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, requesting to adjust its natural gas service rates. The Commission notified Sentra by letter dated April 12, 2020, that its Application was rejected for failure to satisfy the minimum filing requirements set forth in certain Commission regulations. Sentra subsequently cured the filing deficiencies and its Application was deemed filed as of April 14, 2020. The Commission finds that a procedural schedule should be established to ensure the orderly review of Sentra's Application.

All requests for intervention should be filed by May 4, 2020. Any motion to intervene filed after May 4, 2020, should show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a

person seeking intervention must have an interest in the rates or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission further finds that any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented or the issues and facts the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of natural gas consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

Finding that a procedural schedule¹ should be established to ensure the orderly review of the Application, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.

2. In addition to the procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix, no later than July 15, 2020, Commission Staff shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record a written report (Staff Report) containing its findings and recommendations regarding Sentra's requested rate adjustment.

2. No later than 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report each party of record shall file with the Commission:

a. Its written comments on and any objections to the findings contained in the Commission Staff Report; and

¹ No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Sentra's proposed rates for service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set for in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application.

b. Any additional evidence for the Commission to consider.

3. If Commission Staff finds that Sentra's financial condition supports a higher rate than Sentra proposes or the assessment of an additional rate or charge not proposed in Sentra's Application, Sentra in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should authorize the assessment of the higher rate or the additional rate or charge.

4. If Commission Staff finds that changes should be made to the manner in which Sentra accounts for the depreciation of Sentra's assets, Sentra in its response to the Commission Staff Report shall also state its position in writing on whether the Commission should require Sentra to implement the proposed change for accounting purposes.

5. A party's failure to file written objections to a finding contained in the Commission Staff Report within 14 days after the date of the filing of the Commission Staff Report shall be deemed a waiver of all objections to that finding.

6. If a party requests a hearing or informal conference, then the party shall make the request in its written comments and state the reason why a hearing or informal conference is necessary.

7. A party's failure to request a hearing or informal conference in the party's written response shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the Application and a request that the case stand submitted for decision.

8. A party's failure to file a written response within 14 days after the date of the filing of the Staff Report shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the Application.

9. All requests for intervention shall be filed by May 4, 2020.

10. Any motion to intervene filed after May 4, 2020, shall show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule established for this proceeding.

11. The Commission directs all parties to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085² regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency.

² Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00102 DATED APR 27 2020

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than.....05/04/2020

All requests for information to Sentra
shall be filed no later than 05/06/2020

Sentra shall file responses to requests
for information no later than 05/20/2020

All supplemental requests for information to
Sentra shall be filed no later than 05/29/2020

Sentra shall file responses to supplemental
requests for information no later than..... 06/12/2020

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