

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO SENTRA CORPORATION

Sentra Corporation (Sentra), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due on or before May 20, 2020. Pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,¹ issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, (Sentra) SHALL NOT FILE the original paper copy of all requested information at this time, but rather shall file original paper copies within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity

¹ 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.

that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Sentra shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Sentra obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Sentra fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Sentra shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Sentra shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the application, Attachment 1 and Attachment 3.
 - a. Explain how the rates were calculated.
 - b. Provide the method of increasing the rates for the Customer Charge and the volumetric rates.

2. Refer to the application, Attachment 2, Reasons for Application and the Direct Testimony of Eric Blake (Blake Testimony).

- a. Explain the use of the multiplier 8 times the customer charge to develop the proposed reconnection charge for residential and non-residential.
- b. Provide how this multiplier was developed.
- c. Provide all studies that Sentra has completed for the proposed increase to the residential reconnection charge and the non-residential reconnection charge.

- (1) Explain how these charges meet the reason for the statement in the application that this rate recovers the cost of providing service.

- (2) Refer to the 807 KAR 5:006(9)(1). Explain how Sentra's method to calculate the proposed reconnection charges meet the requirement of this regulation that nonrecurring charges cover customer-specific costs.

3. Refer to the Blake Testimony page 6, line 1.

- a. Explain how the Non-Residential rate structure was developed.
- b. Explain how the Volumetric Amount of First 50 Mcf and Over 50 Mcf were decided upon.
- c. Provide how the method of increasing the rates for the Customer Charge was determined for Non-residential Customers.

4. Refer to the Blake Testimony, page 6, line 16.

- a. Provide an explanation of how the rates determined in the application would prevent these large usage customers from switching to alternative sources of energy.
- b. Provide the rates per Mcf of these alternative sources of energy available to these larger users.

c. Provide the usage for these large users by month for the years 2015-2019.

d. Provide an explanation and support for the statement that the second block rate (over 50 Mcf) is designed to help ensure competitiveness with the cost of propane.

5. Refer to the Blake Testimony, page 9, line 9.

a. Provide an explanation for the zero-intercept analysis used in the testimony.

b. Provide all supporting documentation for the zero-intercept analysis discussed in the testimony.

6. Refer to Attachment 4.

a. Explain why there are two pro forma operating statements and revenue requirement calculations.

b. Reconcile the differences between the two pro forma operating statements.

7. Refer to Attachment 4, page 1.

a. Provide a breakdown of the adjusted sales revenue of \$374,944.10 into the various categories that compose this adjusted sales revenue total.

b. Reconcile this adjusted sales revenue with the total revenue for all customers as stated in Attachment 5, Billing Analysis – Current Rates.

c. Reconcile this adjusted sales revenue with the total gas sales revenue as stated the 2019 Annual Report filed with the Public Service Commission.

8. Refer to Attachment 4, page 3.

- a. Provide a breakdown of the adjusted sales revenue of \$360,294.77 into the various categories that compose this adjusted sales revenue total.
 - b. Reconcile this adjusted sales revenue with the total revenue for all customers as stated in Attachment 5, Billing Analysis – Current Rates.
 - c. Reconcile this adjusted sales revenue with the total gas sales revenue as stated the 2019 Annual Report filed with the Public Service Commission.
9. Refer to Attachment 5.
 - a. Explain how the Gas Cost Recovery Rate Revenue was calculated for the Residential Customer of \$20,145.61 and the Non-Residential Customers of \$88,788.79.
 - b. Explain why the Reconnection Fee as stated in the Attachment is \$50.00.
 - c. Provide the total number of Residential Customers and Non-Residential Customers being served by Sentra.
10. Provide the workpapers for the pro forma adjustments described in the application, Attachment 4 in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet format, with formulas intact and unprotected and all rows and columns fully accessible.
11. Provide Sentra's general ledger for the test period.
12. Provide Sentra's adjusted trial balance showing unaudited account balances, audit adjustments, and audited balances for the calendar year ended December 31, 2019.
13. Provide any audit adjustments with explanations for the calendar year ending December 31, 2019.

14. Provide the totals for each category of service for each of Sentra's monthly billing registers for the test period.

15. Provide a list of employees that shows each person's job title; each person's job description; each person's pay rate on December 31, 2017, December 31, 2018, and December 31, 2019; and whether the employee is currently employed.

16. Provide a list of hours that were worked during the test year, including overtime, vacation pay, sick pay, and any other pay, separately stated by each employee's job title.

17. List and describe all employee benefits, other than salaries and wages, paid to, or on behalf of, each employee for each of the previous five years.



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