COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF JACKSON)	
PURCHASE ENERGY CORPORATION FOR A)	CASE NO.
GENERAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND)	2024-00085
OTHER GENERAL RELIEF)	

ORDER

On January 6, 2025, Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation (Jackson Purchase Energy) filed a motion, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for an indefinite period for certain information and documents filed by Jackson Purchase Energy in response to Commission Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information (Staff's Post-Hearing Request) in the above-styled matter.

In the public response to Item 3, Jackson Purchase Energy provided the financial information requested and is not requesting that information be granted confidential treatment. However, Jackson Purchase Energy did request confidential treatment for the employment contracts because the contracts contain numerous other terms and conditions that are not related to salary.¹

In support of its motion, Jackson Purchase Energy argued that public disclosure of the employment contracts contained in the response to Staff's Post-Hearing Request,

¹ Commission Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information (Staff's Post-Hearing Request) (filed Jan. 6, 2025), at 2, paragraph 4.

Item 3, would be an invasion of personal privacy pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(a), as well as grant competitors an unfair commercial advantage pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).²

The Commission has previously granted confidential treatment for the same employment contracts filed by Jackson Purchase Energy for a period of ten years.³

Having considered the motion and the material at issue, the Commission finds that the employment contracts described in Jackson Purchase Energy's January 6, 2025, motion is generally recognized as confidential or proprietary; it therefore meets the criteria for confidential treatment and should be exempted from public disclosure pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(a) and KRS 61.878 (1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Jackson Purchase Energy's January 6, 2025 motion for confidential treatment is granted.
- 2. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for ten years, or until further order of this Commission.
- 3. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
- 4. If the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment, Jackson Purchase Energy shall inform the Commission and file with the Commission an unredacted copy of the designated material.

² Staff's Post-Hearing Request at 2, paragraph 4.

³ Case No. 2019-00053, Electronic Application of Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation for a General Adjustment in Existing Rates (Ky. PSC Aug. 14, 2019), Order at 2.

- 5. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Jackson Purchase Energy shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Jackson Purchase Energy is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.
- 6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Jackson Purchase Energy to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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