## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF BIG SANDY  | ) |            |
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| RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE           | ) | CASE NO.   |
| CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL ADJUSTMENT | ) | 2024-00287 |
| OF RATES                             | ) |            |

## ORDER

On November 15, 2024, Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (Big Sandy RECC) filed a motion, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for ten years for right-of-way bids not selected by Big Sandy RECC.<sup>1</sup>

In support of its motion, Big Sandy RECC argued that the information contained private information that is commercially valuable and is generally recognized as confidential and proprietary in nature and that if disclosed, would permit an unfair commercial advantage.<sup>2</sup>

Having considered the motion and the material at issue, the Commission finds that confidential treatment should be denied with leave to refile a corrected motion and attachments. Big Sandy RECC stated that it redacted the response, only removing the portion of the documents that contain confidential information; however, it also stated that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Big Sandy RECC's Motion for Confidential Treatment (Motion for Confidential Treatment) (filed Nov. 15, 2024) at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Motion for Confidential Treatment at 2.

it was requesting confidential protection for the entirety of the documents.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, there is highlighted material on the confidential filing that is also highlighted on the public record copy. For this reason, it is unclear what information Big Sandy RECC requested to be held confidential.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Big Sandy's November 15, 2024 motion for confidential treatment is denied.
- 2. Big Sandy RECC has leave to refile the designated material for which confidential treatment was denied in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Order.
- 3. The designated material denied confidential treatment by this Order is not exempt from public disclosure and shall be placed in the public record and made available for public inspection.
- 4. If Big Sandy RECC objects to the Commission's determination that the requested material not be granted confidential treatment, it must seek either rehearing pursuant to KRS 278.400 or judicial review of this Order pursuant to KRS 278.410. Failure to exercise either of these statutory rights will be deemed as agreement with the Commission's determination of which materials should be granted confidential treatment.
- 5. Within 30 days of the date of service of this Order, Big Sandy RECC shall file a revised version of the designated material for which confidential treatment was denied, reflecting as unredacted the information that has been denied confidential treatment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Motion for Confidential Treatment at 3.

6. The designated material for which Big Sandy RECC's request for confidential treatment has been denied shall neither be placed in the public record nor made available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of this Order in order to allow Big Sandy RECC to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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