

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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

COMMISSION STAFF'S POST-HEARING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO BIG SANDY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (Big Sandy RECC), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due no later than February 28, 2025. The Commission directs Big Sandy RECC to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and 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 that the

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

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

Big Sandy RECC shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Big Sandy RECC obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Big Sandy RECC fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Big Sandy RECC 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, Big Sandy RECC shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Provide the total number of employees needed for Big Sandy RECC to be fully staffed as approved by its board of directors (Board). Specifically, provide any documentation or minutes for when the Board approved the total number of employees; and any budget approvals related to employees or specific employee count.

2. Provide a breakdown of the number of employees that are classified as union employees and non-union employees for the test year, 2024 and 2025.

3. Provide the number of overtime hours for union employees and non-union employees for each year beginning from January 2019 through the present month of 2025.
4. Provide a breakdown of the amount of annual premiums for health insurance paid by the employees by coverage type (single vs. family) for union and non-union employees.
5. Provide a copy of the written policy and any contracts related to business dealings between Big Sandy RECC and Big Sandy Forestry.
6. Provide breakdown of expenses and revenues related to Big Sandy Forestry, and account for them separately, for the test year.
7. Provide a breakdown of all profits and expenses for Big Sandy Forestry for every year since its inception.
8. Explain how Big Sandy RECC and Big Sandy Forestry determine the profits retained by Big Sandy Forestry.
9. Provide the percentage of profits retained by Big Sandy Forestry for the years 2023 and 2024.
10. Provide any written policies or manuals related to the allocation of costs between Big Sandy Forestry and Big Sandy RECC.
11. Explain whether the contracted pricing between Big Sandy Forestry and Big Sandy RECC covers all expenses for Big Sandy Forestry. If it does not, explain how Big Sandy Forestry pays the rest of its expenses.

12. Explain who pays for any required insurance for Big Sandy Forestry. If any portion of the insurance is paid through Big Sandy RECC's budget, provide the percentage amount for each insurance expense and describe each coverage.

13. Explain whether Big Sandy RECC has written policies regarding confidentiality across contractors bidding on right of way services. As part of the explanation, explain whether bids are sealed and not shown to other bidders during the selection process.

14. Confirm that Big Sandy Forestry does not participate in the bidding process for right of way services. If not confirmed, explain why Big Sandy Forestry has access to the bids from other contractors.

15. Provide the 2024 annual income statement and balance sheet for Big Sandy RECC.

16. Explain whether Big Sandy Forestry profits were included in the test year for Big Sandy RECC. And if so, provide the total amount.

17. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Greg Meyer at 16, Table GRM-5 and Big Sandy RECC's Annual Reports from 2019-2023. Explain why Big Sandy RECC's transportation clearing was \$462,591.73 in 2022 and \$193,210.71 in 2023.

18. Refer to Big Sandy RECC's response to the Attorney General's First Request for Information, Item 44d. Provide the ROW Miles Trimmed by year for the years 2015 and 2016.

19. Provide Big Sandy RECC's TIER and OTIER from 2024.

20. State and explain or provide a copy of the type of insurance coverage Big Sandy RECC has for employee misconduct including but not limited to civil liability.

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