

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF FARMERS)	
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION FOR GENERAL ADJUSTMENT)	2025-00107
OF RATES)	

ORDER

On May 19, 2025, Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (Farmers RECC) filed a motion, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, KRS 61.878(1)(a), and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1), requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for an indefinite period for a wage and salary study created by a third party provided in response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 18.

In support of its motion, Farmers RECC argued that the third-party wage and salary study contain private employee information that, if revealed, would violate its employees' expectation of privacy.¹ In addition, the wage and salary study was performed at Farmers RECC's expense by a third party is proprietary.² Farmers RECC argued disclosure of its findings would create a disadvantage the utility in competition and retention for employees.³

Having considered the motion and the material at issue, the Commission finds that the wage and salary study provided in response to Staff's First Request, Item 18 is

¹ Farmers RECC's Motion for Confidential Treatment (Motion) (filed May 19, 2025) at 1-2.

² Motion at 1-3.

³ Motion at 1-3.

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, KRS 61.878(1)(a), and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Farmer RECC's May 19, 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 an indefinite period 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, Farmers RECC shall inform the Commission and file with the Commission an unredacted copy of the designated material.
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, Farmers RECC 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 Farmers RECC 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 Farmers RECC to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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ATTEST:

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