COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)
FRONTIER GAS, LLC FOR AN ALTERNATIVE) CASE NO.
RATE FILING PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076 AND) 2025-00277
OTHER GENERAL RELIEF)

ORDER

On August 29, 2025, Kentucky Frontier Gas, LLC (Kentucky Frontier) tendered its application for an alternative rate adjustment pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076. In addition, Kentucky Frontier filed a motion, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the Commission grant confidential treatment for indefinite period for its tax returns, and a motion, pursuant 807 KAR 5:076, Section 17, requesting that the Commission grant a deviation from 807 KAR 5:076, Section 4(c), requiring Kentucky Frontier's application include an amortization schedule for any outstanding bonds, promissory notes, and debt instruments. On September 9, 2025, Kentucky Frontier was notified of a notice deficiency pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 5(4)(b). On September 12, 2025, Kentucky Frontier, addressed the deficiency.

In support of its motions, Kentucky Frontier argued that confidentiality should be granted for the entirety of the tax returns as the returns are not publicly available and the information is protected by KRS 61.878(1)(I).¹ In support of its request for deviation, Kentucky Frontier stated that, because it included a copy of each of its debt instrument,

¹ Kentucky Frontier's Motion for Confidential Treatment (filed Aug. 29, 2025) at 1.

which have all been approved by the Commission and were allegedly told by the Small Business Administration (SBA), that it did not do amortization schedules for these loans, the utility need not provide amortization schedules.²

Having considered the motions, the Commission finds that income tax returns are generally recognized as confidential or proprietary; and therefore, meet the criteria for confidential treatment and should be exempted from public disclosure indefinitely pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13,

In addition, the Commission finds that a deviation from 807 KAR 5:076, Section (4)(c), should be granted for good cause. The Commission was able to use existing information in previously filed Kentucky Frontier cases approving the indebtedness to calculate Kentucky Frontier's amortization schedules. However, in all future cases, the Commission finds that Kentucky Frontier should ensure amortization tables for any future and all debt obligations are created in order to avoid this situation again.

The application cannot be deemed filed until all filing requirements are met. As such, the Commission deems this application filed as of the date of this Order. Kentucky Frontier resolved the sole other deficiency with its filing on September 12, 2025.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Kentucky Frontier's August 29, 2025 motion for confidential treatment is granted.
 - 2. Kentucky Frontier's August 29, 2025 motion for deviation is granted.
- 3. All deficiencies having been cured or deviations granted, the application is deemed filed as of the date of this Order.

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² Kentucky Frontier's Motion for Deviation (filed Aug. 29, 2025).

- 4. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for indefinite period or until further order of this Commission.
- 5. 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).
- 6. If the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment, Kentucky Frontier shall inform the Commission and file with the Commission an unredacted copy of the designated material.
- 7. 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, Kentucky Frontier 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 Kentucky Frontier is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.
- 8. 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 Kentucky Frontier to seek a remedy afforded by law.
- 9. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to prevent further Orders of the Commission.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Commissione

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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