

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.)	Case No. EO-2025-0228
For Approval of Designated Service Boundaries)	
Within Portions of Christian County, Missouri.)	

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“White River”), and for its Motion for Protective Order hereby requests the Commission, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135, to issue a protective order in this matter with respect to highly confidential financial and business information provided in conjunction with White River's Application. In support of its motion, Applicant states as follows:

1. White River is a rural electric cooperative engaged in the distribution of electric energy service to its members/customers.
2. White River has previously filed its Application herein which requires compliance with 20 CSR 4240-20.045. That regulation requires White River to supplement its Application with a feasibility study containing plans and specifications for the utility system, plans for financing, proposed rates and charges, and an estimate of the number of customers, revenues, and expenses during the first three (3) years of operations. Said feasibility study has been designated Appendix E to the Application.
3. Appendix E is entitled to highly confidential designation pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(A)(3)&(8) as it contains proprietary market-specific information and trade secrets relating to services offered in competition with others. The public disclosure of proprietary market-specific information, detailed information regarding negotiated prices and conditions, and specific financing information, could result in anti-competitive behavior that might be unreasonably injurious to White River’s business and its members/customers.
4. None of the highly confidential information contained in Appendix E has been

released in any format in any public document.

5. The highly confidential information contained in Appendix E may be disclosed while protecting the interests of White River and the public as follows:

A. With regard to entities and individuals other than the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel:

- a. Disclosure of materials or information so designated shall be made only to attorneys and/or to such outside experts/consultants who have executed a Commission Nondisclosure Agreement. No Highly Confidential information shall be provided directly or indirectly to any non-attorney other than to a designated outside expert/consultant who has executed a Commission Nondisclosure Agreement and filed it herein.
- b. Persons afforded access to materials or information designated “Highly Confidential” shall neither use nor disclose such materials or information for purposes of business or competition or any other purpose other than in regard to the case referenced above and shall keep the materials and information secure and confidential and in accordance with the purposes and intent of the protective order.
- c. All material and information designated as “Highly Confidential” in the possession of any entity or person, as well as any notes pertaining to such information, shall be returned to White River or destroyed upon the conclusion of the referenced case.
- d. If a party disagrees with the “Highly Confidential” designation of any information, the party shall follow the informal discovery dispute resolution procedures set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(8). If the party exhausts these dispute resolution procedures, the

party may file a motion challenging the designation.

WHEREFORE, White River respectfully requests that the Commission issue its protective order in this proceeding with respect to White River's highly confidential information designated as Appendix E to White River's Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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