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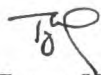
Mr. Jeff Derouen
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: In the Matter of: 2014 Integrated Resource Plan of Big Rivers Electric Corporation, P.S.C. Case No. 2014-00166

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of: (i) Big Rivers Electric Corporation's responses to the Initial Requests for Information from the Kentucky Public Service Commission Staff, the Attorney General and Ben Taylor and Sierra Club; (ii) a petition for confidential treatment; and (iii) a motion for deviation. I certify that on this date, a copy of this letter, a copy of the responses, a copy of the petition, and a copy of the motion were served on each of the persons listed on the attached service list by either first-class mail or by overnight courier service.

Sincerely,



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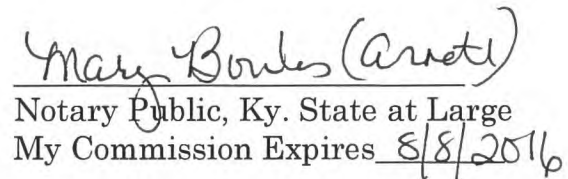
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I, Billie J. Richert, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.


Billie J. Richert

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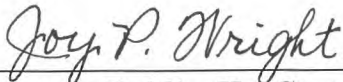
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I, Lindsay N. Barron, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.


Lindsay N. Barron

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I, Eric M. Robeson, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.



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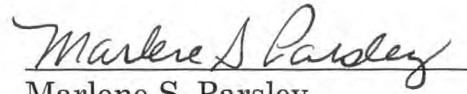
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I, Marlene S. Parsley, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.



Marlene S. Parsley

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Christopher S. (Chris) Bradley

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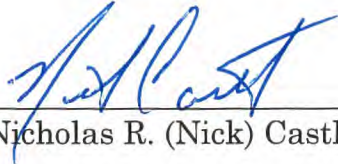
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Nicholas R. (Nick) Castlen

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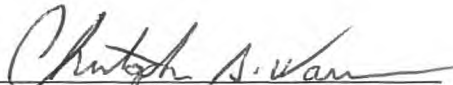
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Christopher A. (Chris) Warren

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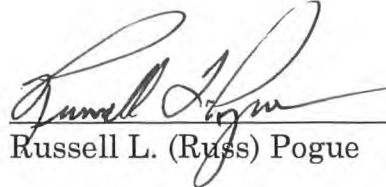

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I, Russell L. (Russ) Pogue, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.



Russell L. (Russ) Pogue

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I, Duane E. Braunacker, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.


Duane E. Braunacker

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I, John W. Hutts, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.



John W. Hutts

STATE OF GEORGIA)
COUNTY OF COBB)

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I, Brian D. Smith, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.



Brian D. Smith

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In the Matter of:

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)
) **Case No.**
) **2014-00166**

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1 **Item 1)** Refer to footnote 14 on page 17 of the 2014 Integrated Resource Plan
2 ("IRP"), which refers to over 200 measure permutations. Page 4 of the Demand-Side
3 Management ("DSM") Potential Study ("Study") indicates that nearly 400 energy-
4 efficiency ("EE") measure permutations were examined. Explain the discrepancy in
5 the number of measure permutations.

6

7 **Response)** The footnote on page 14 of the IRP discusses the 200 measure permutations
8 which were found to be cost effective by the DSM Study and applicable to the energy
9 efficiency programs in the Big Rivers DSM portfolio. These programs are listed on page 60
10 of the IRP. Part 4 of the Study refers to the full set of measure permutations included in the
11 Study. Some of these nearly 400 permutations were found to be either not cost effective or
12 not appropriate for inclusion in any of the existing energy efficiency programs in the DSM
13 portfolio.

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15 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 2) Refer to footnote 15 on page 17 of the 2014 IRP where it states that GDS**
2 **Associates, Inc. ("GDS") used the Mid-Atlantic Technical Reference Manual**
3 **("Manual").**

- 4 **a. Identify the states whose information is included in the Manual.**
5 **b. Explain why the Manual was chosen over other regions' technical reference**
6 **manuals.**

7
8 **Response)**

- 9 a. The Manual is produced and updated by the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships
10 group, which represents the following Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states: Maryland,
11 Delaware, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut,
12 Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Therefore, it is
13 assumed that the information is generally applicable to these Northeast and Mid-
14 Atlantic states, and is applicable to other states on a case-by-case basis (e.g. savings
15 algorithms can sometimes be universally applied across all states).
- 16 b. The Study relied foremost on any data that was available in the Indiana Technical
17 Resource Manual ("Indiana TRM") because this source was the most current and
18 regionally applicable document of its kind that was available at the time of the Study.

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1 The Mid-Atlantic Technical Reference Manual was used as a secondary source in
2 some instances for information such as measure savings algorithms, if the Indiana
3 TRM did not provide necessary data. The Mid-Atlantic Technical Reference Manual
4 was used as a secondary source because the Mid-Atlantic TRM is an industry
5 accepted source of energy efficiency information, and was only used when it was
6 determined to be the best remaining available option for source data.

7

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9 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 3)** **Refer to the first full paragraph on page 18 of the IRP where it states that**
2 **"Big Rivers evaluates the cost-effectiveness of specific DSM measures when**
3 **determining which DSM programs to implement." Provide a breakdown of the value**
4 **assigned to each benefit and cost for each year of the IRP planning period and explain**
5 **how the value was determined.**

6

7 **Response)** All specific measure benefits, costs and sources are documented in Appendix
8 A (Residential Measure Detail) and Appendix B (Commercial and Industrial Measure Detail)
9 of Appendix B of the 2014 DSM Potential Study. The benefits and costs in both Appendix A
10 and Appendix B are deemed to be effective for the life of each individual measure listed in
11 the same appendix.

12

13

14 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 4)** **Refer to the partial paragraph at the top of page 21, Section 3, of the**
2 **IRP, where it states, "Due to the short timeframe since issuance of the order in Case**
3 **No. 2013-00199 on April 25, 2014, analysis for the preparation of this IRP includes the**
4 **rates proposed in that case." Explain the effect it would have had on the IRP if the**
5 **approved rates had been used rather than the proposed rates. Provide a listing of all**
6 **exhibits that would be changed if the approved rates had been used.**

7

8 **Response)** The retail rates granted in Case No. 2013-00199 were lower than proposed. The
9 effect of lower rates is normally reflected in an increase in load forecast, which is a major
10 component of the Integrated Resource Plan. Despite the load forecast being integral to many
11 of the analyses, the impact of the reduced rate is expected to be minimal to the overall
12 analysis of the resources required to meet the anticipated load in this IRP. See the attached
13 listing of exhibits that would be changed if the approved rates had been used.

14

15

16 **Witness)** Marlene S. Parsley

**Big Rivers Electric Corporation
2014 Integrated Resource Plan**

<u>Tables and Figures</u>	<u>Would change with an update to reflect 4/25/14 approved rates</u>	<u>Tables and Figures</u>	<u>Would change with an update to reflect 4/25/14 approved rates</u>
Table 1.1	no	Table 5.1	yes
Figure 1.1	no	Table 5.2	yes
Figure 1.2 a, b, c	no	Table 5.3	yes
Figure 1.3	no	Table 5.4	yes
Figure 1.4	yes	Table 5.5	yes
Table 1.2	yes	Table 5.6	yes
Table 1.3	yes	Table 5.7	yes
Figure 1.5	yes	Table 5.8	yes
Table 1.4	yes	Table 5.9	yes
Table 3.1	yes	Table 5.10	yes
Figure 3.1	yes	Table 5.11	yes
Table 3.2	yes	Table 5.12	yes
Figure 3.2	yes	Table 5.13	yes
Table 3.3	yes	Table 5.14	no
Figure 3.3	yes	Table 5.15	yes
Table 4.1	yes	Table 5.16	no
Table 4.2	yes	Table 5.17	no
Table 4.3	yes	Table 5.18	no
Table 4.4	yes	Table 6.1	no
Table 4.5	yes	Table 6.2	no
Table 4.6	yes	Figure 7.1	no
Table 4.7	no	Table 7.1	no
Table 4.8	no	Figure 7.2	no
Table 4.9	no	Table 7.2	no
Table 4.10	no	Table 8.1	no
Table 4.11	no	Table 8.2	no
Table 4.12	yes	Table 8.3	no
Figure 4.1	no	Figure 9.1	no
Figure 4.2	no	Table 9.1	yes
Figure 4.3	no	Table 9.2	no
Figure 4.4	yes	Table 9.3	no
Table 4.13	no	Table 9.4	no
Table 4.14	yes	Table 9.5	no
Table 4.15	no	Table 9.6	yes
Table 4.16	yes	Table 9.7	no
Table 4.17	yes	Table 9.8	yes
Table 4.18	yes	Table 10.1	yes
Table 4.19	yes	Table 10.2	yes
Table 4.20	yes	Table 10.3	yes
Table 4.21	yes	Table 11.1	yes
Table 4.22	yes		

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1 **Item 5)** **Refer to Section 3.1.1 on page 22 of the IRP, in which changes to Big**
2 **Rivers' load-forecasting methodology are discussed. Explain why the econometric**
3 **model developed for the 2013 forecast was used only to develop projections for the**
4 **years 2013-2017 and not for the entire planning period.**

5

6 **Response)** Econometric models were developed to project near term rural system peak
7 demand (monthly for 2013-2017) for Big Rivers' three member distribution cooperatives.
8 Long term rural system peak demand projections (annual for 2018-2027) were based on
9 annual energy sales and average load factor to ensure that peak demand projections increased
10 over the extended forecast horizon at the same rate as total energy requirements.

11

12 **Witness)** John W. Hutts

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1 **Item 6)** Refer to the third paragraph on page 27 of the IRP, where it states,
2 referring to DSM status reports, that "Big Rivers has filed such reports on January 31,
3 2012, July 31, 2012, January 31, 2013, July 31, 2013, and January 31, 2014."

4 a. Identify and describe the procedures Big Rivers used to determine the accurate
5 evaluation, measurement, and verification ("EMV") of its programs' results.

6 b. Identify and describe any best practices learned as a result of Big Rivers' EMV
7 processes since the inception of the DSM programs.

8

9 **Response)**

10 a. The energy savings of each measure is deemed using industry accepted measure
11 savings algorithms and building energy savings models performed by GDS
12 Associates. Each of the Member Cooperatives gathers the appropriate documentation
13 outlined in the applicable tariff and approves the incentive payment. Thus the
14 evaluation is based on deemed savings, and the measurement and verification are
15 performed independently by each of the Member Cooperatives. The Member
16 Cooperatives then send the aggregated measure savings documentation to Big Rivers
17 for participant reimbursement on a monthly basis.

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1 b. Big Rivers and its Member Cooperatives coordinated in the development of the DSM
2 program tariffs, which has proved to be valuable in maintaining administrative and
3 verification consistency. The process of performance evaluation has been simplified
4 by relying on industry accepted methods and sources such as building energy
5 simulation modeling software and energy efficiency technical reference manuals
6 (TRMs). Given the magnitude of the Big Rivers DSM budgets, the EMV costs have
7 been properly managed by relying on deemed savings, secondary sources such as
8 TRMs, and independent verification by the Member Cooperatives.

9

10 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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- 1 Item 7) Refer to the fourth paragraph on page 27 of the IRP where it states,
2 "Much of this work is done through a DSM/EE Working Group consisting of Big
3 Rivers' and its Members' employees, which meets monthly."
4 a. Identify the Working Group members and provide their respective responsibilities.
5 b. Explain how Big Rivers coordinates DSM/EE program advertising, promotion,
6 implementation, and monitoring with its member cooperatives.

7
8 **Response)**

- 9 a. Each of the Member Cooperative representatives shares experience and expertise with
10 regard to the development, implementation, promotion and administration of their
11 respective programs. The Working Group members are:

12

Big Rivers Electric Corporation DSM/EE Working Group Membership		
Name	Title	Organization
Chuck Williamson	V.P. Finance and Accounting	Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation
Izell White	V.P. Human Resources and Member Relations	Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation
David Hamilton	V.P. Member Services	Kenergy Corp.
Scott Heath	Energy Efficiency Coordinator	Kenergy Corp.
David Pace	V.P. Marketing and Member Services	Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Russ Pogue	Manager Member Relations	Big Rivers Electric Corporation

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- 1 b. Big Rivers and the Member Cooperatives worked together to initially develop programs
2 recommended in the 2010 IRP. Since the initial offerings in 2011, Big Rivers and the
3 Member Cooperatives have worked closely together to institute needed changes in
4 existing programs, develop additional programs and submit tariffs. Member Cooperatives
5 determine the appropriate spend and incentive targets for each program, determine the
6 appropriate methods of program promotion to their rural members and provide budget
7 estimates for various programs.

8

9 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 8)** Refer to Tables 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, and to page 29, Section 4, of the IRP.
2 **Section 4, having been completed in 2013, indicates that the most recent historical year**
3 **in the forecast is 2012. Provide revised versions of the tables which include the actual**
4 **and, as appropriate, weather-adjusted results for 2013.**

5

6 **Response)** Please see attachment.

7

8 **Witness)** Marlene S. Parsley

Native System
Energy Requirements

Table 3.2

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Weather Adjusted</i>	<i>2010 IRP</i>	<i>2011 Load Forecast</i>	<i>2013 Load Forecast</i>
2002	3,233	3,174			
2003	3,088	3,148			
2004	3,159	3,219			
2005	3,260	3,251			
2006	3,214	3,281			
2007	3,353	3,288			
2008	3,340	3,323			
2009	3,231	3,277	3,371		
2010	3,474	3,346	3,403		
2011	3,377	3,369	3,437	3,355	
2012	3,320	3,320	3,472	3,366	
2013	3,452	3,435	3,503	3,398	3,346
2014			3,539	3,438	3,400
2015			3,579	3,469	3,373
2016			3,619	3,509	3,358
2017			3,666	3,547	3,375
2018			3,712	3,574	3,393
2019			3,758	3,602	3,412
2020			3,799	3,637	3,432
2021			3,846	3,672	3,453
2022			3,892	3,709	3,476
2023			3,936	3,746	3,499
2024				3,785	3,523
2025				3,823	3,547
2026					3,571
2027					3,597
2028					3,623

Table 3.3

Peak Demand

<i>Actual</i>	<i>Weather Adjusted</i>	<i>2010 IRP</i>	<i>2011 Load Forecast</i>	<i>2013 Load Forecast</i>
595				
578				
599	632			
613	618			
626	647			
654	625			
614	629			
668	642	637		
657	645	641		
652	650	648	648	
654	630	655	650	
609	619	661	656	632
		668	664	635
		676	671	635
		684	679	637
		693	686	642
		702	692	645
		711	698	649
		719	705	653
		728	712	658
		737	719	663
		746	727	668
			735	673
			743	678
				683
				688
				694

Table 3.1
Customers

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>2010 IRP</i>	<i>2011 Load Forecast</i>	<i>2013 Load Forecast</i>
2002	103,482			
2003	104,764			
2004	106,414			
2005	107,883			
2006	109,329			
2007	110,585			
2008	111,693			
2009	111,923	112,492		
2010	112,391	113,497		
2011	112,888	114,870	112,972	
2012	113,252	116,410	113,995	
2013	113,720	117,975	115,512	113,584
2014		119,519	117,033	114,565
2015		121,046	118,522	115,678
2016		122,559	119,872	116,773
2017		124,064	121,078	117,835
2018		125,574	122,226	118,838
2019		127,088	123,348	119,816
2020		128,596	124,448	120,804
2021		130,081	125,515	121,792
2022		131,521	126,539	122,754
2023		132,906	127,522	123,698
2024			128,468	124,602
2025			129,384	125,493
2026				126,386
2027				127,264
2028				128,156

Total System Detail

Table 4.1

	Member Coop Retail Sales (MWH)	Distribution Losses (%)	Big Rivers Energy Sales (MWH)	Replacement Load (MWH)	G&T Losses (MWH)	HMP&L (MWH)	Total Energy Requirements (MWH)
2009	3,092,391	3.5%	3,206,088		109,411	591,442	3,906,942
2010	3,317,423	3.7%	3,445,715		117,589	646,412	4,209,716
2011	3,279,929	3.1%	3,385,501		115,534	622,398	4,123,434
2012	3,367,558	3.5%	3,488,924		119,064	618,841	4,226,829
2013	3,437,981	2.9%	3,539,995		86,306	616,909	4,243,210
2014	3,186,016	3.4%	3,299,668		108,376	628,649	4,036,693
2015	3,160,648	3.4%	3,272,777		110,987	630,721	4,014,486
2016	3,150,370	3.4%	3,261,996	658,800	132,963	632,755	4,686,514
2017	3,169,657	3.4%	3,282,401	1,314,000	155,875	634,785	5,387,061
2018	3,188,948	3.5%	3,303,481	1,971,000	178,870	636,785	6,090,136
2019	3,212,937	3.4%	3,324,408	2,628,000	201,860	638,767	6,793,034
2020	3,233,625	3.4%	3,346,664	3,952,800	247,542	640,733	8,187,739
2021	3,253,637	3.5%	3,370,638	5,256,000	292,549	642,685	9,561,873
2022	3,276,566	3.5%	3,395,606	5,256,000	293,396	644,607	9,589,609
2023	3,304,256	3.4%	3,420,514	5,256,000	294,241	646,527	9,617,281
2024	3,327,438	3.4%	3,445,403	5,270,400	295,573	648,414	9,659,790
2025	3,349,159	3.5%	3,471,146	5,256,000	295,958	650,294	9,673,398
2026	3,373,531	3.5%	3,497,557	5,256,000	296,853	652,174	9,702,585
2027	3,403,140	3.4%	3,524,436	5,256,000	297,765	654,054	9,732,255
2028	3,432,749	3.4%	3,552,719	5,270,400	299,212	655,935	9,778,266

Shaded year represents base year

Transmission losses adjusted in 2009 -2013 to reflect the exclusion of smelter load impacts

HMP&L based on HMP&L load forecast

Values are net of DSM

Control Area Peak Demand Table 4.2

	Rural System (MW)	Direct Serve (MW)	Native System (MW)	Replacement Load (MW)	G&T Losses (MWH)	HMP&L (MW)	Total Peak Demand (MW)
2009	561	107	668		23	111	801
2010	540	117	657		22	117	797
2011	533	119	652		22	113	787
2012	542	89	630		22	115	767
2013	472	136	609		15	108	732
2014	511	126	637		21	117	775
2015	512	126	638		22	118	777
2016	516	125	641	100	25	118	884
2017	522	125	647	200	29	118	994
2018	526	125	651	300	32	119	1,102
2019	531	125	656	400	36	119	1,211
2020	536	125	661	600	43	120	1,423
2021	541	125	666	800	50	120	1,636
2022	547	125	672	800	50	120	1,642
2023	552	125	678	800	50	121	1,649
2024	558	125	683	800	50	121	1,655
2025	564	125	689	800	51	121	1,661
2026	570	125	695	800	51	122	1,668
2027	576	125	702	800	51	122	1,674
2028	583	125	708	800	51	122	1,682

Shaded year represents base year

Transmission losses adjusted in 2009 -2013 to reflect the exclusion of smelter load impacts

HMP&L based on HMP&L load forecast

Values are net of DSM

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1 **Item 9)** **Refer to the second paragraph in Section 4.1 on page 29 of the IRP.**
2 **Explain in detail of how Big Rivers determined that replacement load is expected to**
3 **increase by approximately 800 percent between 2016 and 2021.**

4

5 **Response)** As a result of the smelter termination notices received in August 2012 and
6 January 2013, Big Rivers had 850MW of generation available for sale. After considering
7 future reserve margins, Big Rivers' management and Board determined it was in the
8 organization's best interest to replace only 800MW of load to delay any potential future need
9 for additional generation.

10 After Big Rivers determined it would replace 800MW it was agreed, through
11 numerous internal discussions among senior staff, that it would take a number of years to
12 secure replacement contracts. The power market was projected to begin increasing in 2016.
13 Thus, management believed the start of replacement load would occur at that point in time.
14 Management wanted to be realistic, but conservative, in its expectation for replacement
15 timing, thus decided on the replacement schedule included in the load forecast.

16

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18 **Witness)** Lindsay N. Barron

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1 **Item 10)** Refer to Section 4.2.1 of the IRP, page 34, Table 4.5. Explain the reason
2 **for the difference in the change in the number of customers from 2013 to 2014**
3 **compared with the change in number of customers from 2012 to 2013. Include in the**
4 **response the actual number of residential customers for calendar year 2013.**

5

6 **Response)** The number of customers grew modestly by .2% from 2012 to 2013 and by
7 .9% from 2013 to 2014. Residential customer growth was very low during the recession and
8 national recovery. Growth is projected to rebound as the economy returns to pre-recession
9 levels and housing starts increase. The number of residential customers served by Big
10 Rivers' three Members for 2013 is 97,773.

11

12 **Witness)** Marlene S. Parsley

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1 **Item 11) Refer to Table 4.7 on page 36 of the IRP. The discussion immediately**
2 **preceding the table, in Section 4.2.3, states that large commercial and industrial sales**
3 **are projected to be essentially flat during the forecast period.**

4 **a. Explain what accounts for the growth in sales projected in the table for the years**
5 **2014 and 2015.**

6 **b. Provide a revised version of Table 4.7 which includes 2013 results.**

7

8 **Response)**

9 **a. The growth in sales projected in the table for the years 2014 and 2015 was driven by**
10 **expected growth in the load of Pennyrite Energy, LLC.**

11 **b. Please see the attached table.**

12

13 **Witness) Marlene Parsley**

Table 4.7
Large Commercial & Industrial

	Number of Customers	Change per Yr.	% Change per Yr.	Energy Sales (MWH)	% Change per Yr.	Avg. kWh per Mo. Per Customer	% Change per Yr.
2009	17			932,868		4,572,882	
2010	17	0	0.0%	966,126	3.6%	4,735,912	3.6%
2011	19	2	11.8%	974,046	0.8%	4,272,130	-9.8%
2012	19	0	0.0%	962,599	-1.2%	4,221,926	-1.2%
2013	21	2	10.5%	996,267	3.5%	3,953,442	-6.4%
2014	20	(1)	-4.8%	981,796	-1.5%	4,090,818	3.5%
2015	20	0	0.0%	985,814	0.4%	4,107,558	0.4%
2016	20	0	0.0%	985,325	0.0%	4,105,521	0.0%
2017	20	0	0.0%	982,555	-0.3%	4,093,980	-0.3%
2018	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2019	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2020	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2021	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2022	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2023	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2024	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2025	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2026	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2027	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%
2028	20	0	0.0%	982,555	0.0%	4,093,980	0.0%

Number of customers and energy sales for all years exclude aluminum smelters

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1 **Item 12) Refer to Section 4.2.6 of the IRP, page 39, which references an economic**
2 **development incentive rate proposed by Big Rivers. Provide the rate and state whether**
3 **it has been approved by the Commission.**

4
5 **Response)** Big Rivers has a proposed economic development incentive rate (“EDR”)
6 which it is offering to its Members in an effort to attract new load to western Kentucky. Big
7 Rivers’ EDR has not yet been submitted to or approved by the Commission. When Big
8 Rivers and its Members are successful in attracting new load, Big Rivers plans to seek
9 Commission approval of the EDR through the submission of a special contract pursuant to
10 the Commission’s order issued on September 24, 1990 in Administrative Case No. 327.

11 The EDR is currently offered to new or expansion load above 1,000 kW
12 billing demand which is engaged in manufacturing (or similar). New or expansion load in
13 excess of 1,000kW will incur a demand rate equal to 10% of Big Rivers’ LIC Tariff Demand
14 Rate, before application of other adjustments. Energy will be charged pursuant to Big
15 Rivers’ LIC Tariff and all additional riders and charges will apply. The term for the discount
16 period will not exceed four (4) years with a minimum EDR contract term twice the term of
17 the discount period.

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1 **Item 13)** **Refer to Section 4.3, the sentence beginning at the bottom of page 40 and**
2 **continuing to the top of page 41. It reads, "As measured by degree days, 2010 was the**
3 **hottest year in over 20 years, and 2010 was the coldest year since 1997." Confirm that**
4 **both references in the sentence are intended to be to calendar year 2010.**

5
6 **Response)** Confirmed. Both references in the sentence at the bottom of page 40 and
7 continuing to the top of page 41 refer to calendar year 2010. Heating and cooling degree
8 days are commonly used for estimating energy required for heating and cooling. Heating
9 degree days are computed on a daily basis and summed to the monthly and annual totals.
10 Heating degree days are computed as the greater of (1) a base temperature of 65 degrees less
11 the average daily temperature, or (2) zero. Similarly, cooling degree days are computed as
12 the greater of (1) average daily temperature less a base temperature of 65 degrees, or (2) zero.
13 Calendar year 2010 was unusual in that the number of heating degree days was the highest
14 since 1997, and the number of cooling degree days was the highest since before 1993.

15
16 **Witness)** John W. Hutts

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1 **Item 14) Refer to Section 4.6.3 on page 49 of the IRP, specifically, the paragraph**
2 **which indicates that Big Rivers uses the most recent 20-year averages of heating and**
3 **cooling degree days. Footnote 41 on page 47 identifies the National Oceanic and**
4 **Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") as the source of the degree day data.**

5 **a. State when Big Rivers began using NOAA data and for how long it**
6 **has used a 20-year average of heating and cooling degree days.**

7 **b. Explain why Big Rivers uses 20-year averages and describe what**
8 **consideration, if any, it has given to using averages for a period other than 20 years.**

9

10 **Response)**

11 **a. All load forecasts prepared by Big Rivers since at least 1993 have**
12 **incorporated weather data sourced to NOAA. Big Rivers has used a 20-year average of**
13 **heating and cooling degree days in preparing load forecasts since development of the 2001**
14 **Load Forecast.**

15 **b. Big Rivers uses a 20-year average for representing the average of**
16 **historical heating and cooling degree days because 20 years is a stable period (rolling 20-year**
17 **averages do not show significant fluctuations from year to year). No consideration has been**
18 **given to changing the normal period to more or fewer years.**

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1 **Item 15)** **Refer to the discussion of retail electricity prices on page 50 of the IRP,**
2 **which states that the average price to rural system customers was expected to increase**
3 **39 percent in real terms by 2016. Given that Big Rivers was awarded less than the**
4 **amounts requested in the two rate cases it filed in response to the smelter contract**
5 **terminations, provide the percentage increase, in real terms, it now expects by 2016.**

6

7 **Response)** **Based on the lesser amount awarded in the two rates cases Big Rivers filed in**
8 **response to the smelter contract terminations, the percentage increase it now expects for rural**
9 **system customers is 26%.**

10

11

12 **Witness)** **Christopher A. Warren**

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1 **Item 16) Refer to the first full paragraph on page 53 of the IRP, which indicates**
2 **that the t-statistic for the average household income parameter in the model for**
3 **Kenergy Corp. ("Kenergy") is significant at the "0.05 alpha, 95% confidence level,"**
4 **while it is not significant at the same level for Big Rivers' two other member**
5 **cooperatives. While there is discussion of the lack of significance of average household**
6 **income for those two cooperatives, there is no discussion of its significance for Kenergy.**

7 **a. Based on the discussion on the lack of significance of average household income**
8 **for two of Big Rivers' cooperatives, explain generally whether its significance in**
9 **the case of Kenergy indicates a greater correlation between income and energy**
10 **consumption in its service area.**

11 **b. Explain whether there are obvious reasons or circumstances why average**
12 **household income's impact is not more consistent across the service areas of all**
13 **three member cooperatives.**

14

15 **Response)**

16 **a. In the case of the models developed for the three Member distribution cooperatives,**
17 **the higher significance of the household income variable in the Kenergy model**
18 **indicates a greater correlation between household income and energy consumption.**

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1 b. There are no obvious reasons why the impact of household income is not consistent
2 across the three service territories; however, the most probable is class composition.
3 While the majority of accounts in the residential class for each cooperative represent
4 dwellings, there are a number of non-dwelling type accounts served by each
5 cooperative that are classified as residential (barns, workshops, fences, pumps, wells,
6 security lights, etc.). While Big Rivers has not conducted research on non-dwelling
7 accounts, it is assumed that average consumption for non-dwelling accounts is lower
8 than average home consumption and is not impacted by income to the extent of
9 typical home consumption. Given the higher magnitude of average consumption for
10 Kenergy relative to the other two coops, Kenergy's residential class may include
11 fewer low-use non-dwelling accounts, which would lead to the assumption of higher
12 average kWh use than for a cooperative with a greater proportion of non-dwelling
13 type accounts. Additionally, the JPEC and MCRECC service areas are believed to
14 have more vacation and seasonal homes than Kenergy. While Big Rivers has not
15 conducted research on vacation and seasonal homes with respect to income, average
16 consumption for these type homes is lower than for year round homes, which could
17 have a negative impact on the correlation between income and consumption for the
18 entire class.

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1 **Item 17) Refer to Tables 4.17 and 4.18 on page 55 of the IRP, which compare**
2 **energy requirements and peak demands under the base, pessimistic, and optimistic**
3 **economy scenarios. Table 4.17 reflects total requirements, while Table 4.18 reflects the**
4 **rural system.**

5 **a. The relative differences between the optimistic and base economy scenarios in**
6 **Table 4.18 for years 2023 and 2028 vary much more than in Table 4.17. Confirm**
7 **that the optimistic economy scenario results for those years are correct.**

8 **b. If the response to part a. of this request is affirmative, explain why the**
9 **relationship between the base and optimistic results is so much different than the**
10 **relationship between the base and pessimistic results for 2023 and 2028 in Table**
11 **4.17.**

12

13 **Response)**

14 a. The values presented in Tables 4.17 and 4.18 are correct.

15 b. The relative differences between the base and optimistic scenarios in Tables 4.17 and
16 4.18 are explained by the assumptions regarding replacement load (refer to section
17 4.2.4 of the IRP). Specifically, replacement sales are included in the base case
18 scenario in Table 4.17 and in the optimistic scenario in Table 4.18.

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1 In Table 4.17, total energy requirements for the base case included all replacement load in a
2 separate category without assigning it to a specific customer class or type. The optimistic
3 scenario does not reflect an assumption that replacement sales will be higher than
4 replacement sales in the base case; therefore, the differences between the base case and
5 optimistic case in Table 4.17 reflect only the impacts on native load associated with
6 optimistic economic conditions.

7 In Table 4.18, rural system energy requirements in the optimistic scenario are based
8 on the assumption that all replacement sales will be entirely native system load split between
9 the rural system and direct serve classifications. In Table 4.18, the optimistic scenario
10 reflects not only the impacts of optimistic economic conditions on existing load, but also the
11 assumption that a portion of replacement sales will be rural system load growth.

12

13 **Witness)** John W. Hutts

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1 **Item 18)** Refer to Section 5.1, the last bullet point on page 59 of the IRP where it
2 states, "At the direction of Big Rivers' staff, GDS also produced a sensitivity of
3 potential savings at an incentive budget of \$2 million." Identify the circumstances in
4 which Big Rivers would implement the incentive budget of \$2 million.

5

6 **Response)** Big Rivers is currently authorized to collect \$1 million in base rates and has
7 not yet determined if a change in program level spending is appropriate. We continue to work
8 with our Members to determine the optimum spending level for our Members.

9

10 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 19)** Refer to Table 5.2 on page 60 of the IRP. Provide in electronic format,
2 **with cells unprotected, spreadsheets showing the information used in developing the net**
3 **present value of benefits and costs in the table for the Program (\$1 million) scenario.**

4

5 **Response)** The spreadsheet files used to develop the net present value of benefits and
6 costs are provided on the confidential electronic media accompanying these responses.

7 There are two files. One addresses the residential sector. The other addresses the non-
8 residential sector.

9

10 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 20) Refer to the bottom of page 60 of the IRP where nine EE programs Big**
2 **Rivers plans to continue funding as part of its DSM portfolio are listed. Also refer to**
3 **Table 5.15 on page 70, which shows 2013 DSM/EE program results and which shows 12**
4 **programs is 2013.**

5 **a. Identify the programs Big Rivers does not plan to continue funding and explain**
6 **how it proposes to address any changes to the program(s).**

7 **b. Explain whether Big Rivers has the Table 5-15 information broken down by**
8 **member cooperative. If it does, provide the information for each cooperative.**

9

10 **Response)**

11 a. Big Rivers does not have plans to discontinue any programs. The analysis summary
12 on page 60 combines some measures that are broken out in more detail for the
13 program tariffs listed on page 70. In the description of the Residential Efficient
14 Appliance Program on page 62 it states, "The programs promote installation of
15 clothes washers and refrigerators and the removal and recycling of older inefficient
16 refrigerators". On page 70, DSM-02 Energy Star Clothes Washer Replacement and
17 DSM-03 Energy Star Refrigerator Replacement are listed as two tariffed programs.
18 The Commercial and Industrial Prescriptive Lighting Program analysis includes both

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1 DSM-08 C&I High Efficiency Lighting and DSM-12 High Efficiency Outdoor
2 Lighting. The Commercial and Industrial Prescriptive HVAC Program analysis
3 includes both DSM -07 C&I HVAC Tune-Up and DSM-11 High Efficiency HVAC
4 tariffs.

5 b. Yes, please see attached documents.

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8 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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Jackson Purchase Energy

Residential Programs

DSM-01 High Efficiency Lighting Replacement
 DSM-02 Energy Star Clothes Washer Replacement
 DSM-03 Energy Star Refrigerator Replacement
 DSM-04 Residential High Efficiency HVAC
 DSM-05/DSM-10 Residential Weatherization
 DSM-06 Touchstone Energy New Home
 DSM-07 Residential HVAC Tune-Up

Commercial/Industrial (C/I) Programs

DSM-08 C/I High Efficiency Lighting
 DSM-09 C/I General Energy Efficiency
 DSM-07 C/I HVAC Tune-Up
 DSM-11 C/I High Efficiency HVAC

Other

DSM-12 High Efficiency Outdoor Lighting
 Promotion Expense

Total

2013 Program Totals

Units	Unit Quantity	Spend
bulbs	18,794	\$32,515
unit	135	\$13,500
unit	52	\$5,200
unit	48	\$17,500
homes	6	\$19,217
homes	2	\$4,000
unit	92	\$2,300
kW saved	7	\$2,561
kW saved	0	\$0
units	8	\$400
ton	0	\$0
fixture	0	\$0
		\$210
		\$97,403

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Kenergy Corp

Residential Programs

DSM-01 High Efficiency Lighting Replacement
 DSM-02 Energy Star Clothes Washer Replacement
 DSM-03 Energy Star Refrigerator Replacement
 DSM-04 Residential High Efficiency HVAC
 DSM-05/DSM-10 Residential Weatherization
 DSM-06 Touchstone Energy New Home
 DSM-07 Residential HVAC Tune-Up

Commercial/Industrial (C/I) Programs

DSM-08 C/I High Efficiency Lighting
 DSM-09 C/I General Energy Efficiency
 DSM-07 C/I HVAC Tune-Up
 DSM-11 C/I High Efficiency HVAC

Other

DSM-12 High Efficiency Outdoor Lighting
 Promotion Expense

Total

2013 Program Totals

Units	Unit Quantity	Spend
bulbs	37,500	\$64,872
unit	665	\$66,500
unit	460	\$46,000
unit	135	\$49,900
homes	71	\$227,400
homes	77	\$64,600
unit	413	\$10,325
kW saved	431	\$150,896
kW saved	0	\$0
units	97	\$4,850
ton	0	\$0
fixture	262	\$18,340
		\$61,412
Total		\$765,095

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Meade County RECC

Residential Programs

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 DSM-02 Energy Star Clothes Washer Replacement
 DSM-03 Energy Star Refrigerator Replacement
 DSM-04 Residential High Efficiency HVAC
 DSM-05/DSM-10 Residential Weatherization
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Commercial/Industrial (C/I) Programs

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 DSM-09 C/I General Energy Efficiency
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 DSM-11 C/I High Efficiency HVAC

Other

DSM-12 High Efficiency Outdoor Lighting
 Promotion Expense

Total

2013 Program Totals

	Units	Unit Quantity	Spend
	bulbs	18,780	\$32,490
	unit	261	\$26,100
	unit	162	\$16,200
	unit	79	\$25,450
	homes	91	\$291,455
	homes	4	\$6,000
	unit	51	\$1,275
	kW saved	145	\$50,617
	kW saved	0	\$0
	units	13	\$650
	ton	0	\$0
	fixture	0	\$0
			\$40,045
			\$490,282

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- 1 **Item 21)** Refer to page 73 of the IRP, Table 5.17. Under the Commercial/Industrial
2 **Programs section, some of the cells contain "#REF!" Provide a corrected Table 5.17.**
3
4 **Response)** Please see the attached table.
5
6 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

Big Rivers 2012 DSM/Energy Efficiency Program Impact

Residential Programs							
	Annual kWh Savings Per Unit	Winter kW Savings Per Unit	Summer kW Savings Per Unit	Unit Quantity	Total Annual kWh Savings	Total Winter kW Savings	Total Summer kW Savings
Residential Lighting Program							
CFL bulbs	31	0.007	0.003	51,792	1,587,943	369.8	162.4
Residential Efficient Appliances							
Clothes Washer Rebate	224	0.007	0.026	563	126,112	3.9	14.6
Energy Star Refrigerator + Recycling	1,084	0.076	0.089	383	415,172	29.1	34.1
HVAC Program							
Dual Fuel	3,448	7.066	0.146	33	113,784	233.2	4.8
Air Source Heat Pump	692	0.000	0.146	46	31,832	0.0	6.7
Geothermal	3,658	4.453	0.365	21	76,818	93.5	7.7
Weatherization Program							
Stick-Built Home	6,980	4.950	0.890	9	62,820	44.6	8.0
Manufactured Home	4,680	2.200	0.300	1	4,680	2.2	0.3
New Construction							
Gas Heat	2,435	0.260	0.580	67	163,145	17.4	38.9
Air Source Heat Pump	4,922	2.700	0.580	2	9,843	5.4	1.2
Dual Fuel Heat Pump (w/ Gas)	8,370	9.766	0.580	0	0	0.0	0.0
Geothermal Heat Pump	8,580	7.150	0.799	2	17,159	14.3	1.6
Tune-Up							
HVAC Tune-Up	636	0.000	0.304	260	165,360	0.0	79.0
Commercial/Industrial (C/I) Programs							
	Annual kWh Savings Per \$	Winter kW Savings Per \$	Summer kW Savings Per \$	Total kW Reduced	Total Annual kWh Savings	Total Winter kW Savings	Total Summer kW Savings
C&I Lighting							
Lighting Projects	12	0.0028	0.0027	418	1,710,419	418.4	390.9
C&I Products							
Misc. Efficient Projects	8	0.0006	0.0032	31	76,446	5.8	30.8
	Annual kWh Savings Per Unit	Winter kW Savings Per Unit	Summer kW Savings Per Unit	Unit Quantity	Total Annual kWh Savings	Total Winter kW Savings	Total Summer kW Savings
Tune-Up							
HVAC Tune-Up*	5,268	0.000	1.200	77	405,636	0.0	92.4
* Assumed 6 tons/unit							
Total DSM Program Savings:					4,967,169	1,237.6	873.3

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Attachment for Response to PSC 1-21

Witness: Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 22)** Refer to Section 8.7 of the IRP, page 92, and page 98, Table 9.3. The last
2 paragraph on page 92 states, "Big Rivers plans to evaluate the conversion of a portion
3 of its existing coal-fired fleet to natural gas as an alternative to installing additional
4 pollution control equipment at its Green and Coleman facilities." Table 9.3 shows
5 natural gas as the secondary fuel type for the Coleman Station. Describe the work that
6 would have to be done to convert the Coleman Station to natural gas.

7

8 **Response)** In Table 9.3, the secondary fuel type listed is for the start-up fuel. Coleman
9 Station utilizes natural gas for its start-up fuel and is not currently capable of obtaining the
10 unit rated capacity burning natural gas instead of coal.

11 Much work would have to be done to convert Coleman Station to natural gas.
12 An engineering firm would most likely be hired to study, determine and design the best
13 option for a fuel switch to natural gas. Generally speaking, the availability of an appropriate
14 gas supply would need to be determined, and if one is not available, the cost of providing an
15 appropriate gas supply. Next, the technical considerations like burner modifications, impacts
16 on boiler design and capacity, changes to fans, ductwork, fluework and other equipment
17 design issues will be evaluated. Finally, the environmental impacts and financial
18 considerations will be evaluated, and a new Title V permit would be required.

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1

2 **Witness)** Duane E. Braunecker

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- 1 **Item 23)** Refer to the first full paragraph on page 102 of the IRP where it states
2 that administrative costs were assumed to equal 20 percent of the incremental cost of
3 measures. Also refer to Big Rivers' response to Item 10 of Commission Staff's First
4 Information Request ("Staff's First Request") in Case No. 2010-00443.¹¹
- 5 a. Explain how Big Rivers arrived at 20 percent for the assumed level of
6 administrative costs as a percentage of incremental cost of measures.
- 7 b. Explain whether the 20 percent assumption is consistent with the response to the
8 Staff's First Request, which indicated that administrative costs varied greatly
9 among different types of programs.

10

11 **Response)**

- 12 a. The level of assumed administrative costs as a percentage of incremental costs is
13 based upon Table B-4.1 in Appendix B-4 of the report titled, "Assessment of Long-
14 Term System-Wide Potential for Demand-Side and Other Supplemental Resource,
15 2013-2032," which was prepared for PacifiCorp in March 2013. The main report and
16 the appendices are provided on the electronic media accompanying these responses.

¹ Case No. 2010-00443, 2010 Integrated Resource Plan of Big Rivers Electric Corporation (Ky. PSC Dec. 21, 2011).

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1 This level of assumed administrative costs represents the average administrative costs
2 as a percentage of incremental measure costs across seven utilities in 2010 and 2011.

3 b. The 20 percent is not consistent with the response to the Staff's First Request. While,
4 the 20 percent is closely aligned with the administrative costs that were assumed in
5 Case No. 2010-00443, the 20 percent assumption is based on more current data using
6 actual program performance across seven utilities, which is appropriate for estimating
7 administrative costs across the portfolio of programs in the IRP.

8

9

10 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 24)** Refer to Section 9.1 on page 94 of the IRP, where Big Rivers discusses
2 **generation maintenance. Provide the current schedule for maintenance of Big Rivers'**
3 **generators, and indicate the extent to which Big Rivers has adhered to the schedule for**
4 **each generator.**

5
6 **Response)** The referenced section of the IRP (Section 9.1, page 94) where generation
7 maintenance is discussed refers to Big Rivers' continued focus on generation efficiency by
8 performing maintenance tasks such as washing air heaters, cleaning condenser tubes, replace
9 leaking valves and repairing gas leaks during all opportunities when the unit is off line.

10 Please see the confidential attachment displaying the current planned
11 maintenance schedule for the Big Rivers' generators for the five year period (2014 – 2018).
12 Big Rivers deferred planned maintenance in the past in order to meet its financial obligations.
13 Big Rivers has now completed the planned maintenance on its running units that was
14 deferred and is now back on its normal planned maintenance schedule. Without any
15 unforeseen circumstances and with the rates currently in place, Big Rivers will be able to
16 adhere to the current maintenance schedule.

17

18 **Witness)** James Garrett

Big Rivers Planned Outages (2014 -2018)

Start	End	Hours	Days	Unit	Status
4/26/2014 0:00	5/17/2014 0:00	504	21	HMPL 1	Completed
5/10/2014 0:00	6/21/2014 0:00	1008	42	Wilson	Completed
7/15/2014 0:00	7/24/2014 0:00	216	9	Green 1	Completed

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1 **Item 25)** **In Section 9.2 on page 96 of the IRP, Big Rivers discusses potential**
2 **resource options to model in its Strategist model. Explain whether nuclear generation is**
3 **a viable alternative to include in the generation mix.**

4

5 **Response)** Potential participation in a future nuclear unit was included in the list of
6 possible options in order to assess whether or not nuclear capacity, based on current
7 estimates of capital and operating characteristics, would be a viable economic alternative
8 upon the occurrence of a need for additional resources. Nuclear capacity was not selected in
9 any cases. If nuclear capacity had been selected by the model, as Big Rivers approached a
10 time of capacity need, the viability of the nuclear option would be defined by conditions in
11 the nuclear generation market including status and availability of nuclear capacity and then-
12 current estimates of costs and operational parameters.

13

14

15 **Witness)** Marlene S. Parsley

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1 **Item 26)** **In Section 9.3 on page 99 of the IRP, Big Rivers states that it has no**
2 **renewable resources, cogeneration or self-generation, or nonutility resources other than**
3 **its SEPA allocation in its base case plan. Describe in detail Big Rivers' exploration of**
4 **each of these resources and its decision to exclude them from the base case plan.**

5
6 **Response)** Big Rivers' base case plan does not include the installation or purchase of any
7 new generating capacity, therefore the only resources which fall under the description of
8 resources in the question above are Big Rivers' Members' current SEPA allocations. In the
9 development of the base case plan, and all sensitivity case plans, renewable generation
10 options were allowed to be considered by the Strategist model.

11

12

13 **Witness)** Marlene S. Parsley

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1 **Item 27)** In Section 9.4, page 100 of the IRP, Big Rivers states that capacity
2 **purchases from the market were not modeled. Explain in detail why they were not**
3 **modeled.**

4
5 **Response)** As stated in the IRP report, capacity needs in the cases where new resources
6 are needed could be served through a number of ways, including self-build, unit
7 participation, and capacity purchases. The assumption underlying this approach is that
8 pricing associated with non-self-build capacity would be identical to that associated with
9 self-build capacity, and as Big Rivers approached a time of capacity need, the viability of the
10 capacity purchase option would be evaluated further.

11

12 **Witness)** Marlene S. Parsley

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1 **Item 28)** In Section 10.3, page 110 of the IRP, Big Rivers discusses a reserve
2 **margin study provided by GDS. Specifically, the study demonstrated that Big Rivers'**
3 **costs decreased as its reserve margin decreased, yet its reliability was not threatened as**
4 **a member of MISO. Further in Section 7.3, page 83, Big Rivers states that its reserve**
5 **margin study showed reserve margins in excess of MISO's 2023 requirement**
6 **over the IRP planning period. Provide a comparison of these reserve margins to the**
7 **MISO projections and a copy of the GDS reserve margin study.**

8

9 **Response)** A reserve margin analysis was conducted by GDS, but a formal report was not
10 produced. Attachment 1, filed under a petition for confidential treatment, contains a
11 summary of PROMOD data associated with different assumed levels of reserve margin on
12 the Big Rivers system. Because the MISO capacity and energy markets are separate, the
13 attached file shows the same sources, uses, and costs of energy for each reserve margin level.
14 This is based on the assumption that Big Rivers could sell excess capacity into the market
15 while still retaining the energy production capabilities of that excess capacity. In the
16 analysis, as reserve margin levels decrease, capacity revenues increase. That factor results in
17 lower net costs at declining reserve margin levels. Because of this effect, and because of Big
18 Rivers' participation in the MISO market, Big Rivers' IRP modeling was performed

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1 assuming that Big Rivers would maintain the MISO Planning Reserve Margin criteria.
2 Attachment 2 provides a comparison of IRP planning period reserve margins and MISO
3 PRM criteria.

4

5 **Witness)** Brian D. Smith

Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Variable Production Cost minus Capacity Sales Revenue
Associated with Varying Reserve Margins

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION
VARIABLE PRODUCTION COST MINUS CAPACITY SALES REVENUES

TARGET RESERVE MARGIN	(%)	9%	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%	16%	17%	18%	19%	20%	21%	22%	23.53%
Energy Uses																
Native Load	(GWh)	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239	9,239
Dump Energy	(GWh)	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326	326
TOTAL USES	(GWh)	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564
Energy Sources																
Steam Generation	(GWh)	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054	9,054
Turbine Generation	(GWh)	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209	209
Ext Company Purchase (SEPA)	(GWh)	267	267	267	267	267	267	267	267	267	267	267	267	267	267	267
Emergency/Market	(GWh)	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
TOTAL SOURCES	(GWh)	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564	9,564
Energy Costs																
Steam Cost	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
Turbine Cost	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
Variable O&M Cost	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
Emission Fee Tax	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
Ext Company Purchase Cost (SEPA)	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
Emergency/Market Cost	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
TOTAL COST	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
CO2 Adder	(\$/MWh)	[REDACTED]														
CO2 Cost	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
ADJUSTED ENERGY COST	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
Capacity & Load																
Native Peak	(MW)	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572	1,572
Firm Purchase Capacity (SEPA)	(MW)	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
Net Peak	(MW)	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394	1,394
Company Capacity	(MW)	1,519	1,533	1,547	1,561	1,575	1,589	1,603	1,617	1,631	1,645	1,659	1,673	1,687	1,701	1,722
Company Reserve	(MW)	125	139	153	167	181	195	209	223	237	251	265	279	293	307	328
Company Reserve Margin	(%)	9.00%	10.00%	11.00%	12.00%	13.00%	14.00%	15.00%	16.00%	17.00%	18.00%	19.00%	20.00%	21.00%	22.00%	23.53%
Capacity Sales																
Capacity	(MW)	[REDACTED]														
Capacity Sales Price	(\$/kW)	[REDACTED]														
Capacity Sales Revenues	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
Net Cost	(\$000)	[REDACTED]														
Reliability																
Loss of Load Hours	(Hrs)	1038	982	890	816	767	708	659	605	556	505	523	479	455	420	357
% of Energy that is Served via Emergency	(%)	11.24%	10.63%	9.63%	8.83%	8.30%	7.66%	7.13%	6.55%	6.02%	5.47%	5.66%	5.18%	4.92%	4.55%	3.86%
Calculated Reserve Margin	(%)	9.00%	10.00%	11.00%	12.00%	13.00%	14.00%	15.00%	16.00%	17.00%	18.00%	19.00%	20.00%	21.00%	22.00%	23.53%
Emergency/Market Price Sensitivity																
Price:		50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	[REDACTED]					
	(\$000)										[REDACTED]					
	(\$000)										[REDACTED]					
	(\$000)										[REDACTED]					
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Minimum Cost for Particular Emergency/Market Price

Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Calculation of Fixed Cost of Combustion Turbine

EIA 2013 AEO Assumptions

Advanced Combustion Turbine Cost	(2011 \$/kW)	664.00	
GDP Index 2021		1.33	
GDP Index 2011		1.13	
Advanced Combustion Turbine Cost	(2021 \$/kW)	777.59	
Fixed O&M	(2011 \$/kW)	6.92	
Fixed O&M	(2021 \$/kW)	8.10	
Big Rivers Cost of Capital	(%)	7.85%	Financial Highlights from 2012 BREC Annual Report
Levelized Debt Service for Combustion Turbine (25 Year Financing Term)	(2021 \$/kW)	\$71.91	
Plus: Fixed O&M Rate	(2021 \$/kW)	8.10	
Total Fixed Cost of Combustion Turbine	(2021 \$/kW)	80.02	

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		8.42		0.04	1.95	17.02	9.13	7.82	2.14	2.46	7.95	1.81	4.62	63
SteamGeneration		768.43	628.18	710.59	646.18	712.27	759.45	789.49	779.11	726.76	691.06	712.33	789.84	8,714
TurbineGeneration		18.7	22.51	18.54	19.07	19.15	16.31	19.45	18.24	16.51	19.64	18.24	4.84	211
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		11942.25	33260.96	12505.31	17550.17	8157.63	1965	1718.67	2536.59	5706.95	10499.17	2116.92	2335.11	110,295
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1519.47	1,519
CompanyReserve		188.47	262.47	300.47	425.47	230.47	168.47	125.47	145.47	216.47	358.47	221.47	195.47	125
LossofLoadHours		77	316	95	136	94	36	23	46	53	103	31	28	1,038
														9.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		9.22		0.07	2.18	18.23	11.02	9.61	3	3.07	9.06	2.19	5.88	74
SteamGeneration		769.88	630.93	711.38	647.71	714.31	761.56	791.4	780.4	727.83	692.94	712.86	791.36	8,733
TurbineGeneration		18.75	22.37	18.63	19.11	19.14	16.43	19.57	18.31	16.59	17.4	18.35	4.88	210
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		11241.39	30644.73	11648.76	16208.51	7333.11	1623.78	1482.02	2043.19	5160.5	11963.01	1847.73	2049.4	103,246
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1533.4	1,533
CompanyReserve		202.4	276.4	314.4	439.4	244.4	182.4	139.4	159.4	230.4	372.4	235.4	209.4	139
LossofLoadHours		69	301	89	131	80	35	22	41	49	112	26	27	982
														10.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		10.24		0.1	2.68	20.9	13.11	11.54	4.02	3.78	10.25	2.6	7.65	87
SteamGeneration		771.48	633.48	713.44	650.82	718.12	763.82	793.4	781.79	728.95	694.85	713.39	792.99	8,757
TurbineGeneration		18.82	22.26	18.4	18.84	19.14	16.57	19.71	18.36	16.69	17.59	18.45	5.28	210
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		10602.88	28219.57	9851.44	13879.32	6193.58	1309.62	1277.49	1616.02	4661.8	11053.96	1634.41	1775.41	92,076
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1547.33	1,547
CompanyReserve		216.33	290.33	328.33	453.33	258.33	196.33	153.33	173.33	244.33	386.33	249.33	223.33	153
LossofLoadHours		64	280	68	119	73	34	17	36	45	107	21	26	890

11.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		11.19		0.1	3.14	22.12	15.33	13.59	4.85	4.64	11.52	3.06	9.17	99
SteamGeneration		772.95	635.94	713.97	652.31	719.99	766.21	795.46	783.47	730.12	696.78	713.91	794.76	8,776
TurbineGeneration		18.87	22.15	18.48	18.95	19.13	16.7	19.87	17.91	16.82	17.8	18.55	5.28	211
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		10027.9	25865.79	9253.07	12729.51	5561.97	1001.6	1107.42	1217.47	4206.79	10190.96	1463.94	1532.24	84,159
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1561.28	1,561
CompanyReserve		230.28	304.28	342.28	467.28	272.28	210.28	167.28	187.28	258.28	400.28	263.28	237.28	167
LossofLoadHours		60	266	64	110	61	28	16	32	41	98	18	22	816

12.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		12.33		0.14	3.27	21.24	17.69	15.75	6.06	5.45	12.96	3.55	10.05	108
SteamGeneration		774.56	638.25	713.33	652.21	719.27	768.73	797.61	785.14	731.31	698.82	714.44	796.67	8,790
TurbineGeneration		18.93	21.99	18.96	19.22	19.14	16.79	20.04	17.81	16.86	17.99	18.66	4.46	211
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		9502.77	23708.6	9438.64	12697.5	5388.26	763.94	948.79	858.79	3793.42	9401.3	1315.36	1314.78	79,132
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1575.23	1,575
CompanyReserve		244.23	318.23	356.23	481.23	286.23	224.23	181.23	201.23	272.23	414.23	277.23	251.23	181
LossofLoadHours		55	251	73	95	58	23	15	28	39	94	15	21	767

13.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		13.55		0.17	3.74	22.63	19.46	18	7.59	6.31	14.49	4.04	12.04	122
SteamGeneration		776.19	640.41	713.89	653.68	721.13	771.44	799.81	786.9	732.55	700.9	714.95	798.82	8,811
TurbineGeneration		18.99	21.86	19.07	19.05	19.17	16.04	20.22	17.85	16.87	18.19	18.58	4.51	210
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		9030.55	21680.75	8805.55	11858.93	4887.4	564.22	821.19	595.65	3404.43	8649.4	1373.84	1110.67	72,783
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1589.14	1,589
CompanyReserve		258.14	332.14	370.14	495.14	300.14	238.14	195.14	215.14	286.14	428.14	291.14	265.14	195
LossOfLoadHours		52	233	68	89	56	18	10	17	36	90	20	19	708

14.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		12.45		0.23	4.22	24.04	19.92	20.37	9.34	7.4	16.04	4.57	14.19	133
SteamGeneration		776.55	642.45	714.43	654.98	722.91	774.73	802.13	788.78	733.86	702.98	715.45	801.08	8,830
TurbineGeneration		17.98	21.71	19.18	19.03	19.28	13.36	20.36	17.9	16.38	18.36	18.78	4.56	207
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		8566.36	19784.81	8211.01	11071.87	4403.24	422.99	731.41	413.7	3674.9	7953.67	1212.58	946.79	67,393
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1603.1	1,603
CompanyReserve		272.1	346.1	384.1	509.1	314.1	252.1	209.1	229.1	300.1	442.1	305.1	279.1	209
LossofLoadHours		52	220	63	84	49	13	9	15	38	83	18	15	659

15.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		13.81		0.33	4.7	25.5	21.63	22.88	11.21	8.59	17.13	5.12	16.06	147
SteamGeneration		778.18	644.34	714.95	656.16	724.68	776.54	804.56	790.7	735.25	704.51	715.93	803.05	8,849
TurbineGeneration		18.17	21.57	19.3	19.07	19.4	13.37	20.52	17.98	16.56	18.56	18.98	4.61	208
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		8118.14	18042.68	7677.53	10318.81	3968.47	313.58	643.21	278.36	3298.14	7319.08	1073.78	803	61,855
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1617.05	1,617
CompanyReserve		286.05	360.05	398.05	523.05	328.05	266.05	223.05	243.05	314.05	456.05	319.05	293.05	223
LossofLoadHours		50	200	57	81	47	11	9	10	37	75	15	13	605

16.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		15.21		0.47	5.27	26.97	24.45	25.51	13.2	9.89	18.74	5.7	17.87	163
SteamGeneration		779.89	646.08	715.44	657.34	726.44	779.4	807.07	792.63	736.73	706.56	716.44	805.53	8,870
TurbineGeneration		18.26	21.43	19.44	19.18	19.5	13.41	20.71	18.14	16.73	18.67	19.18	4.05	209
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		7709.65	16439.5	7186.29	9602.96	3581.68	234.4	568.68	173.14	2943.2	6761.26	947.49	686.41	56,835
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1630.97	1,631
CompanyReserve		299.97	373.97	411.97	536.97	341.97	279.97	236.97	256.97	327.97	469.97	332.97	306.97	237
LossofLoadHours		46	188	56	76	42	7	7	9	34	67	13	11	556

17.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		16.7		0.62	5.89	28.44	26.57	28.24	14.88	11.33	20.43	6.37	21.22	181
SteamGeneration		781.69	647.65	715.94	658.59	728.17	781.53	809.69	794.72	738.36	708.54	717.02	806.61	8,889
TurbineGeneration		18.35	21.33	19.57	19.19	19.61	13.44	20.89	17.82	17.41	18.87	19.39	6.43	212
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		7317.08	14968.89	6708.4	8963.92	3221.76	187.08	499.8	89.64	2069.38	6277.68	829.37	583.45	51,716
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1644.92	1,645
CompanyReserve		313.92	387.92	425.92	550.92	355.92	293.92	250.92	270.92	341.92	483.92	346.92	320.92	251
LossofLoadHours		45	170	55	66	41	4	7	5	29	61	12	10	505

18.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		18.18		0.18	14.71	59.37	29.17	31.1	16.84	12.94	22.19	7.1	24	236
SteamGeneration		783.54	649.12	706.77	669.72	764.63	784.52	812.43	796.95	740.13	710.54	717.69	809.43	8,945
TurbineGeneration		18.37	21.25	21.37	18.77	16.84	13.08	21.08	17.61	17.55	19.06	19.56	6.48	211
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		6923.58	13588.1	13622.57	7070.77	443.41	156.52	434.42	36.73	1771.72	5844.29	722.35	487.97	51,102
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1658.85	1,659
CompanyReserve		327.85	401.85	439.85	564.85	369.85	307.85	264.85	284.85	355.85	497.85	360.85	334.85	265
LossofLoadHours		45	157	115	80	9	4	6	3	29	54	11	10	523

19.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		19.58		0.23	14.84	61.97	32.69	33.68	19.26	14.65	24.08	8.05	26.47	256
SteamGeneration		785.42	650.44	707.68	670.75	766.57	787.6	815.18	799.26	742	712.6	718.52	812.28	8,968
TurbineGeneration		18.27	21.16	21.44	18.63	17.61	13.55	20.97	17.74	17.68	19.26	19.76	6.2	212
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		6540.38	12351.91	12702.88	6311.01	352.29	126.91	375.26	11.76	1482.33	5464.94	630.86	392.32	46,743
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
DumpCredit														
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost														
EmergencyCost														
EmissionsAllowanceCost														
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1672.81	1,673
CompanyReserve		341.81	415.81	453.81	578.81	383.81	321.81	278.81	298.81	369.81	511.81	374.81	348.81	279
LossofLoadHours		42	144	108	69	8	3	6	2	26	50	11	10	479

20.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		21.33	0.01	0.29	16.1	64.69	35.87	36.72	23.7	13.78	26.04	9.11	29.58	277
SteamGeneration		787.41	651.69	708.51	672.74	769.25	790.72	818.11	804.08	740.11	714.7	719.47	815.41	8,992
TurbineGeneration		18.39	21.06	21.53	18.58	17.73	13.64	21.14	17.37	18.09	19.45	19.96	6.26	213
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		6179.27	11216.99	11836.04	5638.97	266.69	103.99	319.4		2088.89	5132.41	549.46	306.72	43,639
SteamCost														
TurbineCost														
VariableO&Mcost														
EmissionFeeTax														
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FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1686.74	1,687
CompanyReserve		355.74	429.74	467.74	592.74	397.74	335.74	292.74	312.74	383.74	525.74	388.74	362.74	293
LossofLoadHours		41	135	105	63	8	3	5		33	44	10	8	455

21.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		23.16	0.02	0.34	17.35	67.38	37.9	39.97	26.33	15.51	28.05	10.31	32.82	299
SteamGeneration		789.46	652.81	709.26	674.58	771.89	793.25	821.2	806.83	742.01	716.82	720.55	818.66	9,017
TurbineGeneration		18.52	21	21.65	18.57	17.86	13.16	21.34	17.26	18.23	19.65	20.16	6.32	214
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		5828.88	10165.27	11028.05	5054.36	186.39	81.1	270.3		1783.2	4832.39	473.89	231.94	39,936
SteamCost		[REDACTED]												
TurbineCost		[REDACTED]												
VariableO&Mcost		[REDACTED]												
EmissionFeeTax		[REDACTED]												
DumpCredit		[REDACTED]												
ExtCompanyPurchaseCost		[REDACTED]												
EmergencyCost		[REDACTED]												
EmissionsAllowanceCost		[REDACTED]												
NativePeak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
LoadAdjustment														
Expected Peak		1509	1435	1397	1272	1467	1529	1572	1552	1481	1339	1476	1502	1,572
FirmPurchaseCapacity		178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1700.67	1,701
CompanyReserve		369.67	443.67	481.67	606.67	411.67	349.67	306.67	326.67	397.67	539.67	402.67	376.67	307
LossofLoadHours		41	126	96	56	7	3	5		30	42	8	6	420

22.00%

Data Item	<>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Annual
NativeLoad		814.58	703.02	753.27	692.5	740.18	793.49	845.33	837.67	767.53	724.98	750.35	815.92	9,239
DumpEnergy		26.05	0.06	0.44	19.11	71.23	42.18	38.97	29.16	18.28	30.74	12.32	37.07	326
SteamGeneration		792.74	654.32	710.32	677.16	775.69	798.67	823.12	811.66	744.97	719.88	722.39	823.17	9,054
TurbineGeneration		18.66	21.01	21.74	18.56	18	12.05	18.5	15.24	18.45	19.71	20.43	6.15	209
ExtCompanyPurchase		23.92	19.06	11.68	11.64	17.62	24.9	42.49	39.92	21.01	11.72	19.48	23.52	267
Emergency		5305	8685.12	9971.17	4243.92	93	55	195		1377	4401.86	373	145	34,845
SteamCost														
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NetPeak		1331	1257	1219	1094	1289	1351	1394	1374	1303	1161	1298	1324	1,394
CompanyCapacity		1722	1722	1722	1722	1722	1722	1722	1722	1722	1722	1722	1722	1,722
CompanyReserve		391	465	503	628	433	371	328	348	419	561	424	398	328
LossofLoadHours		39	108	77	45	4	2	5		26	39	7	5	357

23.53%

**Big Rivers Electric Corporation
2014 Integrated Resource Plan
Planning Reserve Margin Comparison**

	Big Rivers Projected Base Case Reserve Margin (%)	MISO ICAP Planning Reserve Margin (%)
2013	128.66	
2014	124.18	14.80
2015	151.99	14.90
2016	121.73	15.00
2017	97.34	15.10
2018	78.12	15.10
2019	62.28	15.60
2020	38.11	16.00
2021	20.16	16.40
2022	19.81	16.80
2023	19.47	17.30
2024	19.08	17.30
2025	18.68	17.30
2026	18.28	17.30
2027	17.88	17.30
2028	17.47	17.30

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1 **Item 29)** **Refer to Section 12.3 of the IRP, page 114. The first full sentence on this**
2 **page states, "As of the preparation date of this IRP, a forward sale has delayed the**
3 **idling of the 417 MW Wilson Station through at least the end of February 2015."**
4 **Confirm that the idling of the Wilson Station has now been postponed until December**
5 **31, 2015.**

6
7 **Response)** Big Rivers' Attachment Y with MISO which allows for the idling of Wilson
8 Station currently has an idle date of January 1, 2016; however, it is Big Rivers' expectation
9 given current market conditions that Wilson Station will not be idled at that time. Big Rivers
10 anticipates that Wilson Station will be economic to operate for many years to come, adding
11 value to our Members as projected in our Load Concentration Analysis and Mitigation Plan.

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13

14 **Witness)** Lindsay N. Barron

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1 **Item 30) Refer to page 18 of the Study, under Baseline and Efficient Technology**
2 **Saturations where it states, "The commercial sector utilized regional specific data**
3 **available from the 2003 Commercial Building Energy Consumption Survey**
4 **("CBECS") conducted by the EIA."**

5 **a. Confirm that the survey data is for 2003.**

6 **b. If the answer to part a. is affirmative, explain why more recent data was not**
7 **used.**

8

9 **Response)**

10 a. Yes, the survey data is for 2003.

11 b. The commercial sector utilized regional specific data available from the 2003

12 Commercial Buildings Energy Consumption Survey ("CBECS") conducted by the

13 EIA to allocate the fraction of forecasted commercial sales by industry type for each

14 end-use. At the time of the study, the 2003 CBECS data was considered the best

15 source of data required to perform this allocation of forecasted commercial sales.

16 Future CBECS release dates are scheduled for the 2014-2015 timeframe. Please refer

17 to the EIA website for additional information about the CBECS data

18 <http://www.eia.gov/consumption/commercial/index.cfm>

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- 1 **Item 31) Refer to page 50 of the Study under MISO Demand Response.**
- 2 **a. Discuss what research or analysis Big Rivers has undertaken to evaluate**
- 3 **participation in the MidContinent Independent System Operator's ("MISO")**
- 4 **demand response market.**
- 5 **b. Describe how the May 2014 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the**
- 6 **District of Columbia's vacating Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**
- 7 **("FERC") Order 745 impacts MISO's demand response market.²**

8

9 **Response)**

- 10 a. Big Rivers participates in the MISO day ahead and real-time energy and ancillary
- 11 services market and planning resource auction, which are the markets for demand
- 12 response products in MISO. Section 8 of Appendix B addresses cost effectiveness of
- 13 demand response for Big Rivers and discusses how demand response is addressed in
- 14 MISO. Big Rivers does not currently offer demand response assets into the MISO
- 15 market; however, Big Rivers monitors the markets for changes applicable to Big
- 16 Rivers' assets.

² *Electric Power Supply Ass'n v. FERC*, 11-1486, et al. (D.C. Cir. May 23, 2014); *Demand Response Compensation in Organized Wholesale Energy Markets*, Order No. 745, 134 FERC ¶ 61,187 (Mar. 15, 2011).

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1 b. FERC Order 745, originally issued on March 15, 2011, established uniform
2 compensation levels for suppliers of demand response resources who participate in
3 day-ahead and real-time energy markets. Order 745 directed Independent System
4 Operators and Regional Transmission Organization (“RTOs”) to pay demand
5 response providers full locational marginal prices (“LMP”), and allocated the costs of
6 demand response payments proportionally to all entities that purchase from the
7 relevant energy markets during times when demand response resources enter the
8 market. The D.C. Circuit’s opinion vacating Order 745 found that Order 745
9 exceeded FERC’s statutory authority and, even if FERC had such authority, was
10 arbitrary and capricious in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act. On May
11 13, 2014, The D. C. Circuit Court vacated and remanded Order 745 to FERC. MISO
12 is currently evaluating the impacts of this decision on its markets and processes. The
13 D.C. Circuit Court’s action gives MISO an opportunity to re-assess its processes to
14 ensure demand response resources receive fair compensation, and that the costs for
15 demand response are fairly distributed to those who benefit.

16

17 **Witnesses)** Russ Pogue and Marlene S. Parsley

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- 1 **Item 32)** **Refer to the Benefits section on page 55 of the Study where it states,**
2 **"Development of the avoided costs is detailed in Section 5.9 of the report."**
3 **a. Identify the report this statement is referencing.**
4 **b. If the referenced report is not included as part of the IRP and attachments,**
5 **provide a copy of the report.**

6

7 **Response)**

- 8 a. The inclusion of this sentence in the Study was an editorial error and should have
9 been revised to state, "The avoided costs used in the demand response analysis can be
10 found in Appendix C of the report."
11 b. See the response to sub-part a.

12

13 **Witness)** Russ Pogue

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1 **Item 33) Refer to the Carrying Cost for Capital Equipment section on page 56 of**
2 **the Study.**

- 3 **a. Explain why a blended average is used to determine the Times Interest Earned**
4 **Ratio ("TIER").**
- 5 **b. Explain how weights assigned to the TIERs were developed.**
- 6 **c. Explain why different depreciation rates are used for utility ownership and**
7 **commercial ownership.**

8

9 **Response)**

- 10 a. The blended average is used to represent the fact that certain demand response costs
11 are typically born by the distribution cooperative (such as the actual control switches)
12 and other costs are borne by the generation and transmission cooperative (central
13 communication systems, for example). Furthermore, it is typical that G&T
14 cooperatives have lower TIER requirements than distribution cooperatives.
- 15 b. The weights are an assumption based on the fact that capital expenditures are
16 typically split between a G&T cooperative and its member distribution cooperatives
17 for a demand response program. To estimate the weights of 75% distribution
18 cooperative and 25% G&T cooperative capital investment, Big Rivers assumed the

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1 distribution cooperatives own the switches and the G&T cooperative owns and
2 operates central communication systems and software. We assumed achievement of
3 5% demand reduction through a moderately aggressive demand response program
4 within 10 years. To achieve that level of penetration, Big Rivers would need to
5 install 24,000 air conditioner switches. At a cost of \$190 per switch (assumed install
6 cost for the study), that equates to \$4,560,000 invested by distribution cooperatives.
7 Big Rivers estimates the capital contribution from central processing equipment
8 would be between \$1,300,000 and \$1,500,000, meaning the G&T share would range
9 from 22% to 25% of total capital. However, note that these are estimates for the
10 demand response potential study screening analysis. If Big Rivers were to move
11 forward with a full demand response program, costs would be trued up and the
12 sharing arrangements of cost responsibility between Big Rivers and its Members
13 would be developed at that time.

14 c. Commercial ownership of equipment is only assumed for distributed generation and
15 energy management systems, which tend to have longer useful lives than direct load
16 control switches. Utility ownership is assumed for all direct load control programs
17 evaluated in the IRP.

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1 **Item 34) Refer to the Section 9.1.1 of the Study.**

2 **a. The third sentence on page 59 states that GDS recommended that the**
3 **Residential Lighting Program begin to offer rebates for LED bulbs. State**
4 **whether Big Rivers has implemented this recommendation.**

5 **b. The last sentence in the second paragraph on page 71 states, "GDS**
6 **recommends that Big Rivers review the program level spending and savings**
7 **for each incentive scenario, determine which level of incentive investment it**
8 **plans to commit in the future, and modify its DSM programs to align with the**
9 **programs included in the program potential evaluation in this study." State**
10 **whether Big Rivers has implemented this recommendation.**

11

12 **Response)**

13 **a. Big Rivers has not begun to offer incentives for residential LED lamps. The**
14 **DSM/EE working group is currently discussing the effectiveness of offering the**
15 **incentives.**

16 **b. Big Rivers is currently authorized to collect \$1 million in base rates and has not yet**
17 **determined if a change in program level spending is appropriate.**

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1 **Item 35)** Refer to the last paragraph on page 71 of the Study where Tables 10-1
2 **and 10-2 are discussed. Confirm that the reference period should be 2014-2023.**

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4 **Response)** Yes, the reference period should be 2014-2023.

5

6

7 **Witness)** Russ Pogue