

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TARIFF FILING OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)
CORPORATION TO IMPLEMENT DEMAND-SIDE) CASE NO. 2012-00142
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS)

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before June 8, 2012. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Big Rivers shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which

Big Rivers fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

1. Refer to Big Rivers' new tariff sheets ("Tariff Sheet") PSC KY. No. 24, Sheet Nos. 2.01 to 2.15, Member Incentives. For each of the Demand-Side Management ("DSM") programs, explain how each of the member incentives was determined.

2. Refer to Big Rivers' Tariff Sheet PSC KY. No. 24, Sheet Nos. 2.01 to 2.15, Evaluation, Measurement and Verification. The Tariff Sheet states, "Big Rivers will initiate a process of evaluation, measurement, and verification for the program. The process will ensure the quality and effectiveness of the program and optimal use of the resources." Explain the process of evaluation, measurement, and verification to be used by Big Rivers to ensure the quality and effectiveness of the program and optimal use of the resources of the DSM programs.

3. Refer to Big Rivers' Tariff Sheet PSC KY. No. 24, Sheet Nos. 2.07 to 2.08. Explain whether this program includes electric water heaters.

4. Refer to Big Rivers' Tariff Sheet PSC KY. No. 24, Sheet Nos. 2.09 to 2.10. Explain why Gas Heat is included as of part of the Member Incentives, when Big Rivers is an electric energy-only provider.

5. Refer to Big Rivers' Tariff Sheet PSC KY. No. 24, Sheet Nos. 2.12 to 2.13.

Explain whether there is a maximum incentive for the Member Incentives.

6. On January 30, 2012, Big Rivers filed a response ("Response to ordering paragraph 9") to a Commission Order in Case No. 2011-00036,¹ ordering paragraph 9. Ordering paragraph 9 stated, "Big Rivers shall file reports on its DSM and energy efficiency programs with the commission as described in this Order at six-month intervals, with the first report to be filed no later than January 31, 2012." Included in the response were the 2012 Budget and the Total Resource Cost ("TRC") Ratios.

a. Provide for each of the nine programs, in electronic format with formulas intact and unprotected, the cost/benefit calculations to support the TRC ratios.

b. Explain whether there were any other California Tests performed for each of the nine programs by Big Rivers besides the TRC and, if so, provide by program the results of those tests.

7. Refer to the Response to ordering paragraph 9.

a. Explain how the programs were included for the 2012 budget.

b. Explain whether there were any programs considered but not chosen because they were not cost-effective, or eliminated for some other reason.

c. Explain why some of the 2011 pilot programs are not included in the 2012 budget.

8. On April 20, 2012, Big Rivers filed a supplemental tariff ("Supplemental Tariff") that included Standard Electric Rate Schedules – Terms and Conditions and a new additional tariff sheet ("Additional Tariff Sheet") PSC KY. No. 24, Sheet Nos. 2.16

¹ Case No. 2011-00036, Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a General Adjustment in Rates (Ky. PSC Nov. 17, 2011).

to 2.17 for DSM program, DSM-10, Residential Weatherization Program-Primary Heating Source Non-Electric. Refer to the Response to ordering paragraph 9. The 2012 budget did not include DSM-10, Residential Weatherization Program-Primary Heating Source Non-Electric. Provide the 2012 budget amount for DSM-10, Residential Weatherization Program-Primary Heating Source Non-Electric.

9. The Supplement Tariff includes TRC and Utility Cost Test (“UCT”) ratios for DSM-10, Residential Weatherization Program-Primary Heating Source Non-Electric for different types of measurements.

a. Provide the overall TRC and UCT ratios for this program.

b. Explain whether any other California Tests were performed, and if so, provide the results of those tests.

10. Refer to Big Rivers’ Tariff Sheet PSC KY. No. 24, Sheet No. 2.17, Evaluation, Measurement and Verification. Explain the process of evaluation, measurement, and verification to be used by Big Rivers to ensure the quality and effectiveness of the program and optimal use of the resources of this DSM program.

11. a. Explain the staffing organization within Big Rivers that will implement the DSM and energy efficiency programs. Identify the individuals responsible for DSM implementation.

b. Explain whether there are any external groups or individuals involved in the DSM planning and implementation.

12. a. Explain whether all three of Big Rivers' member cooperatives are involved in the planning and implementation of the DSM programs.

b. If so, explain whether there is any possible reason, due to the customer base of any of the three member cooperatives, that any cooperative may be prevented from offering any of the DSM programs.



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