

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE 2005 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN)	CASE NO.
OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION)	2005-00485

ORDER

On January 11, 2006, Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Inc. ("Big Rivers") filed a motion to hold this case in abeyance and vacate the procedural Order entered herein on January 4, 2006. In support of its motion, Big Rivers states that it recently signed a letter of intent with E.ON U.S., LLC ("E.ON") and various E.ON subsidiaries to pursue the termination of various agreements entered in 1998 that gave E.ON's affiliates operational control of Big Rivers' power plants and ownership of the electricity that they generate. If the transaction terminating the agreements closes as planned, Big Rivers will have control of its power plants and ownership of the electricity they generate. This transaction, accordingly, would greatly change the resources available to Big Rivers and numerous issues pertinent to its Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP").

Big Rivers requests that this proceeding be held in abeyance indefinitely, unless it fails to initiate, by April 30, 2006, proceedings requesting Commission approval of the terminating transaction described in its motion. If that transaction is approved and consummated, Big Rivers would expect to file an IRP within a reasonable time thereafter, based on the changes in its power supply resources.

The Commission, having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that holding this matter in abeyance is appropriate and reasonable, based on potential future changes in Big Rivers' power supply arrangements.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this case shall be held in abeyance until further Order of this Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of January, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director