COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S)CASE NO.NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDUCE REVENUE)2006-00137

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") is requested, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, to file with the Commission the original and 5 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due by May 12, 2006. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information requested has been provided previously in the format requested, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this information request.

1. Refer to the Application, page 3, item 8. Big Rivers states that it has signed a letter of intent with E.ON U.S. LLC, formerly known as LG&E Energy LLC, and certain of its subsidiaries or affiliates to pursue terminating the various arrangements regarding operational control of Big Rivers' power plants and ownership of the electricity generated by them.

a. Provide the anticipated time-frame for completing the transaction to terminate the agreements.

b. Has Big Rivers performed an analysis to determine whether its existing rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all its costs, service the debt, and provide a positive margin if the transaction to terminate the agreements is closed?

(1) If yes, provide the analysis and all supporting workpapers.

(2) If no, explain why such an analysis has not been performed.

Provide a schedule of capital projects Big Rivers intends to initiate during
2006 and 2007, assuming Big Rivers regains control of its power plants by December
31, 2006. For each project listed include a description of the project, the total estimated
cost, and how Big Rivers intends to fund the project.

3. Provide a schedule of any significant operating expenses that Big Rivers anticipates incurring during 2006 or 2007 that were not incurred in 2005. For each expense listed include a description of the expense, the total estimated expense, and how Big Rivers intends to fund the expense.

4. Concerning Big Rivers' proposal to continue the revenue reduction, has Big Rivers performed a cash flow analysis to determine the impact the revenue reduction will have on its financial condition?

a. If yes, provide a copy of the cash flow analysis and explain whether the analysis reflects Big Rivers regaining control of its power plants and, if so, the anticipated date it regains control of its power plants.

b. If no, explain why such an analysis has not been performed.

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5. Has Big Rivers obtained the necessary creditor approvals required to continue the proposed revenue reduction?

- a. If yes, provide a statement that all approvals have been received.
- b. If no, indicate when Big Rivers expects to receive all approvals and

provide a statement when all approvals have been received.

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DATED <u>April 28, 2006</u>

cc: All Parties