

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS)	CASE NO.
ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL)	2020-00291
TO ISSUE EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS)	

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

Big Rivers Electric Corporation (BREC), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due on October 16, 2020. The Commission directs BREC to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

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

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

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.

BREC shall make timely amendment to any prior response if BREC obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which BREC fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, BREC 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. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, BREC shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the application, paragraph 7. BREC estimates an annual interest savings of approximately \$0.8 million. Provide the net present value of this savings over the term of the proposed loan. Provide all supporting calculations and documentation in Excel spreadsheet format, with formulas intact and unprotected and all rows and columns accessible.

2. Refer to the application, paragraph 8a. BREC states that the proposed loan agreement with Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) has a ten-year term and estimated maturity date of December 31, 2030.

a. Provide when BREC expects to close on the proposed loan.

b. Refer also to Case No. 2020-00153, final Order, page 3.² In Case No. 2020-00153, the maturity date of the 2020 Bonds Loan Agreement was to be no later than August 31, 2031, or at the end of the maximum useful life of the pollution control facilities.

(1) Provide a side-by-side comparison of the estimated annual costs associated with the 2020 Bonds Loan Agreement in Case No. 2020-00153 and the proposed loan with CFC.

(2) Explain why the proposed loan with CFC is a shorter term than the 2020 Bonds Loan Agreement in Case No. 2020-00153.

3. Refer to the application, paragraph 10.

a. Provide a list of all estimated closing costs.

b. Compare these estimated closing costs with those BREC expected to incur with the 2020 Bonds Loan Agreement in Case No. 2020-00153.

4. Provide the amortization schedule of the proposed loan.

5. Explain how the proposed loan with CFC will impact BREC's credit ratings.

² Case No. 2020-00153, *Electronic Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for Approval to Issue Evidences of Indebtedness* (Ky. PSC Aug. 13, 2020).



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