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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Stephanie L. Stumbo
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RE: The Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for: (i) Approval of Wholesale Tariff Additions for Big Rivers Electric Corporation, (ii) Approval of Transactions, (iii) Approval to Issue Evidences of Indebtedness, and (iv) Approval of Amendments to Contracts; and of E.ON U.S. LLC, Western Kentucky Energy Corp., and LG&E Energy Marketing, Inc. for Approval of Transactions

Case No. 2007-00455

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

On November 12, 2008, E.ON U.S. LLC, Western Kentucky Energy Corp. and LG&E Energy Marketing Inc. filed a Petition for Confidential Treatment in the above-referenced matter. A presentation and an excel spreadsheet containing confidential material were attached to that petition. Several pages of those documents, however, were inadvertently stamped "Confidential" when, in fact, no confidential material was present.

Enclosed are an original and ten copies of corrected pages 1-4, 8 and 9 of the presentation, and pages 2 and 4 of the spreadsheet. Please indicate receipt of this filing by placing your file stamp on the extra copy and returning it to me via our runner.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATIONS OF BIG RIVERS)
ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR:)
(I) APPROVAL OF WHOLESALE TARIFF)
ADDITIONS FOR BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC) CASE NO. 2007-00455
CORPORATION, (II) APPROVAL OF)
TRANSACTIONS, (III) APPROVAL TO ISSUE)
EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS, AND)
(IV) APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO)
CONTRACTS; AND OF E.ON U.S. LLC,)
WESTERN KENTUCKY ENERGY CORP.)
AND LG&E ENERGY MARKETING, INC.)
FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSACTIONS)

PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

E.ON U.S. LLC ("E.ON U.S."), Western Kentucky Energy Corp. ("WKEC") and LG&E Energy Marketing, Inc. ("LEM") (the "E.ON Entities"), by counsel, for their Petition for Confidential Treatment filed pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7 and KRS 61.878(1)(c), state as follows:

BACKGROUND

By this Petition, the E.ON Entities request that the Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant confidential protection to the November 7, 2008 update of certain documents presented at a meeting of representatives of the E.ON Entities, the Office of the Attorney General, Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Alcan Primary Products Corporation and Century Aluminum of Kentucky held at the offices of the Attorney General in Frankfort on March 20, 2008 and filed with the Commission. Specifically, the November 7, 2008 updated documents (hereinafter, the "Updated Documents") include certain specific financial information of WKE; and a prepared set of documents comparing the financial issues affecting the E.ON

Entities to those that will affect Big Rivers Electric Corporation subsequent to the transaction in this case. The Updated Documents all concern confidential and proprietary information relevant to the financial conditions affecting an unregulated entity, similar to information previously filed with the Commission on April 21, 2008 and granted confidential treatment by the Commission in this case. (See The Commission's June 9, 2008 letter granting confidential protection attached hereto.) The E.ON Entities submit that the Updated Documents filed today also are entitled to confidential protection and for the same reasons.

GROUNDS FOR PETITION

- 1. KRS 61.878(1)(c) protects commercial information, generally recognized as confidential or proprietary, if its public disclosure would cause competitive injury to the disclosing entity. Competitive injury occurs when disclosure of the information would give competitors an unfair business advantage. The Commission has taken the position that the statute and the regulation require the party requesting confidentiality to demonstrate actual competition and the likelihood of competitive injury if the information is disclosed. Here, there is actual competition, as the information in question concerns confidential and proprietary information related to nonregulated businesses that are competitive and that are not rate-protected by the regulatory compact. The confidential business information disclosed to the Commission is information the public disclosure of which would enable the E.ON Entities' competitors to discover, and make use of, confidential information concerning the E.ON Entities' financial condition and business strategies, to the unfair competitive disadvantage of the E.ON Entities.
- 2. The information for which confidential treatment is sought is maintained internally by the E.ON Entities and by other parties to this case who have a business need to know this information. This information is not on file with the FERC, SEC or other public

agency, is not available from any commercial or other source outside of the E.ON Entities and the parties to this case with a business need to know this information, and is limited in distribution to those employees who have a business reason to have access to such information. Further, the information concerns nonregulated rather than regulated activities. Thus, the public interest to be served by its disclosure is minimal at best. By imposing unfair competitive injury upon the E.ON Entities, disclosure in fact would harm the public interest.

- Disclosure of the information sought to be protected in this matter would make available to the E.ON Entities' competitors information concerning their financial and business strategies, and costs and revenues, that such competitors could use to the E.ON Entities' competitive disadvantage. The E.ON Entities' competitors are not required to file, or to make public, similar proprietary information.
- 4. The confidential and proprietary budget information for which confidential protection is sought in this case is precisely the sort of information meant to be protected by KRS 61.878(1)(c)1. In *Hoy v. Kentucky Industrial Revitalization Authority*, 907 S.W.2d 766 (Ky. 1995), the Kentucky Supreme Court held that financial information submitted by General Electric Company with its application for investment tax credits was not subject to disclosure simply because it had been filed with a state agency. The Court applied the plain meaning rule to the statute, reasoning that "[i]t does not take a degree in finance to recognize that such information concerning the inner workings of a corporation is 'generally recognized as confidential or proprietary." *Id* at 768. Similarly, the Kentucky Supreme Court applied the KRS 61.878(1)(c)1. "competitive injury" exemption to financial information that was in the possession of Kentucky's Parks Department in *Marina Management Services, Inc. v. Commonwealth, Cabinet for Tourism,* 906 S.W.2d 318, 319 (Ky. 1995): "These are records of

privately owned marina operators, disclosure of which would unfairly advantage competing operators. The most obvious disadvantage may be the ability to ascertain the economic status of the entities without the hurdles systematically associated with acquisition of such information about privately owned organizations." The same reasoning applies here. Moreover, the damage that would accrue to the E.ON Entities would be exacerbated by the interstate nature of the competition in the wholesale power market. Competitors in this market are not subject to Commission regulations regarding the filing of sensitive financial information.

- 5. The confidential information clearly merits confidential protection pursuant to Hoy, Marina Management, and KRS 61.878(1)(c)1. If the Commission disagrees, however, it must hold an evidentiary hearing to protect the due process rights of the E.ON Entities and supply the Commission with a complete record to enable it to reach a decision with regard to this matter. Utility Regulatory Commission v. Kentucky Water Service Company, Inc., Ky. App., 642 S.W.2d 591, 592-94 (1982).
- 6. The E.ON Entities have provided the information for which confidential treatment is sought to the Attorney General pursuant to a protective agreement.
- 7. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001 Section 7, one copy of the Updated Documents with the confidential information is highlighted on yellow paper and ten (10) copies of the Updated Documents without the confidential information is herewith filed with the Commission.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated, the E.ON Entities respectfully request that the Commission grant confidential protection for the information at issue, or schedule an evidentiary hearing on all factual issues while maintaining the confidentiality of the information pending the outcome of the hearing.

Dated: November 12, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Petition for Confidential Treatment was served via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, this 12th day of November 2008, upon the following persons:

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Re:

E.ON Entities - Petition for confidentiality received 3/25/08 and Amended Petition received April 21, 2008 - PSC Case No. 2007-00455

Sir/Madam:

The Commission has received the Petition filed on March 25, 2008 and the Amended Petition filed on April 21, 2008, by E.ON US LLC, Western Kentucky Energy Corp., and LG&E Energy Marketing, Inc. (collectively E.ON Entities) requesting confidential protection of certain information contained in documents that were presented at a March 20, 2008 meeting among representatives of the E.ON Entities, the Office of the Attorney General, Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Alcan Primary Products Corporation, and Century Aluminum of Kentucky, and which documents are being filed in the record of this case. The information requested to be confidential is identified in the Petitions as specific financial information of unregulated E.ON, Entities By the Amended Petition, the E.ON Entities seek to protect as confidential less of the information set forth in the documents being filed.

Based upon a review of the information, I have determined that it is entitled to the protection requested on the grounds relied upon in the Amended Petition and should be withheld from public inspection

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, the companies known as E.ON Entities are required by 807-KAR 5:001, Section 7(9)(a), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

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Executive Director

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November 7, 2008 Update to March 20, 2008 Presentation to Kentucky Attorney General

E.ON U.S. LLC and Big Rivers Electric Corporation

WKE Unwind Transaction

Is WKE transferring any of its current problems to BREC under this proposed transaction? How does BREC make the proposed transaction work going forward, given WKE's experience under the current lease arrangement?

Existing and post 2011 Power Sale Obligations

Present Obligations - WKE

Post 2011 Obligations - WKE

Party	Load Obligation MW
BREC	597
Alcan Aluminum	233
Century Aluminum	339
HMP&L	95
Maximum capacity for sale to market*	357

Party	Load Obligation MW
BREC	800
Alcan Aluminum	0
Century Aluminum	0
HMP&L	95
Maximum capacity for sale to market*	726

[&]quot; Excludes Reid units and reserves

WKE Transaction & New BREC Contrast

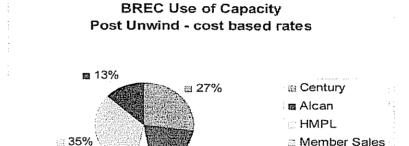
Present WKE Use of Capacity



WKE Economic Drivers

- Lease Payments
- Smelter Margin Payments
- Minimum Level of Transmission Payments
- Sales at below cost fixed prices
- Fuel Risk
- Purchased Power Risk
- Minimal Environmental Cost Recovery
- No Access to SEPA Power

BREC Use of Capacity Post Unwind



■ 20%

BREC Economic Drivers

· Total benefit to BREC \$950 million

:: 5%

- · No Smelter Margin payments
- No minimum level of Transmission payments
- Sales at Cost Based Rates
- Fuel Adjustment Clause
- Smelter premium rates to maintain TIER
- Purchased Power Adjustment / Regulatory Account
- Environmental Cost Recovery
- · Access to 178 MW of SEPA Power
- BREC assumes no existing WKE obligations

m Market sales

See AG Update of 4-08 Meeting 11-6-08 Excel Spreadsheet

Can BREC remain viable if the smelters subsequently leave in the future?

It is likely market prices for electricity will have increased in an amount to place BREC in a favorable economic position (See Supplemental Testimony of C. William Blackburn in October 9, 2008 filing). After market sales, BREC has the additional safeguard of the \$35 million transition reserve plus interest. Further, the Leveraged Leases are no longer in place.

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