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Ms. Stephanie Stumbo Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

> Re: The Applications 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, PSC Case No. 2007-00455

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") are an original and ten copies of Big Rivers' Supplemental Response to Item 88 of the Attorney General's Supplemental Request for Information. In this supplemental response, Big Rivers is providing additional reports relating to the condition and maintenance of its generating plants. These reports are being provided in electronic form on CD. I certify that this letter and the supplemental response have been served on the attached service list.

Sincerely yours,

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1 2 3 4 5	BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S RESPONSE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PSC CASE NO. 2007-00455 March 6, 2008		
6	(Supplement of September 18, 2008)		
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8	Item 88) Please reference Response to HMP&L 1-7. When does Big Rivers anticipate		
9	it will complete its due diligence review of the facilities?		
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11	Supplemental Response) Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") files this		
12	supplement to its response to Item 88 of the Attorney General's Supplemental Request for		
13	Information to provide additional information relating to the condition and maintenance of the		
14	generating plants that Big Rivers owns or leases and to respond to a request for any and all		
15	generating plant due diligence reports in Big Rivers' possession, which request the Attorney		
16	General made in an August 12, 2008 email and in a September 2, 2008 letter. Big Rivers		
17	previously supplemented its response to Item 88 of the Attorney General's Supplemental		
18	Request for Information on May 30, 2008, and on June 24, 2008.		
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20	Some of Big Rivers' due diligence documents are being withheld because they were		
21	commissioned in anticipation of litigation pursuant to a Consulting Services Agreement between		
22	Stanley and Big Rivers' Counsel dated April 16, 2003. Specifically, Big Rivers has not provided		
23	the following reports prepared by Stanley Consultants under engagement with Big Rivers'		
24	counsel on the grounds that these documents are protected by the attorney work product		
25	privilege:		

1 2 2		"HMPL Station Two Baseline Technical Audit Report as of August 2003," marked and dated "Final October 2004"	
3 4 5		"D.B. Wilson Station Baseline Technical Audit Report as of August 2003," marked and dated "Final October 2004"	
6 7 8		"Kenneth C. Coleman Station Baseline Technical Audit Report as of August 2003," marked and dated "Final October 2004"	
9 10 11		"Robert A. Reid Station Baseline Technical Audit Report as of August 2003," marked and dated "Final October 2004"	
12 13 14		"Robert D. Green Station Baseline Technical Audit Report as of August 2003," marked and dated "Final October 2004"	
15 16	•	Green Station Unit 2, May 21-22, 2004, Stanley Consultants, Inc.	
17 18		2003 HMP&L Reid Station Unit 2, June 25, 2004, Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Riley Power sub.)	
19 20		2003 HMP&L Reid Station Unit 2, Phase II, December 30, 2004, Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Riley Power sub.)	
21	•	D.B. Wilson Unit 1, December 2004, Stanley Consultants, Inc.	
22 23		2004 D.B. Wilson Unit 1, November 2-5, 2004, Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Foster Wheeler sub.)	
24 25		2004 Green Station Unit 1, November 2004, Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Babcock & Wilcox sub.)	
26 27		2008 HMP&L Station Two, January 21, 2008, Exothermic Engineering, LLC (prepared and at the request of counsel by letter dated August 31, 2007)	
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29		Big Rivers has also reviewed additional plant reports for privilege and determined that	
30	the following due diligence documents relating to plant condition and maintenance are not		
.31	covered	by the Consulting Services Agreement with Big Rivers' counsel. These documents are	
32	include	d in the CD attached to this response:	
33 34		2006 Coleman Station Unit 3, July 11, 2006, Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Babcock Power sub.)	

1 2	 2007 Green Station Unit 1, Spring 2007, Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Hutter Enterprises sub.)
3	• 2007 Coleman Unit 2, Spring 2007, Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Hutter Enterprises sub.)
4	• 2008 Coleman Unit 1, Spring 2008, Stanley Consulting, Inc. (Hutter Enterprises sub.)
5	• 2008 D.B. Wilson Unit 1, Spring 2008, Stanley Consulting, Inc. (Hutter Enterprises sub.)
6	• 2008 Coleman Unit 1, July 17, 2008, Stanley Consultants, Inc. (Babcock Power sub.)
7 8	For the convenience of the Commission and the parties, Big Rivers provides the
9	following references to the locations in the record where Big Rivers has previously filed reports
10	related to generating plant due diligence, plant maintenance and plant conditions:
11 12 13 14	• Big Rivers filed a number of documents from Stanley Consultants (under a petition for confidential treatment) in Big Rivers' Response to the Initial Data Request of Henderson Municipal Power & Light, Item 6, filed on or about February 14, 2008.
14 15 16 17 18	• Big Rivers filed additional reports from Stanley Consultants in six CDs attached to Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Response to the Commission Staff's First Data Request, Item 51, filed on or about February 14, 2008, Item 51.
19 20 21 22	• Big Rivers provided a CD containing reports prepared by Stanley Consultants in Big Rivers' Updated Responses to Data Requests, Tab 11, Item 51, filed on or about May 30, 2008.
23 24 25 26 27	• Big Rivers attached a report to Big Rivers' Supplemental Response to the Attorney General's Supplemental Request for Information, Tab 1, Item 88, filed on or about June 24, 2008, in which it responded to recommendations in an April 2007, Stanley Consultants report entitled "Analysis of WKE Outages."
28 29 30 31 32	 Big Rivers attached a memorandum to Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Updated Responses to Data Requests, Tab 13, Item 88, filed on or about May 30, 2008, in which Mark A. Bailey responded to Big Rivers' board of directors inquiries relating to plant conditions.
33	Big Rivers has also expressed its views on recommendations and observations made in
34	certain reports referenced in data requests. Big Rivers responded to recommendations from the
35	Smelters' Stone & Webster report in Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Response to the Attorney

1 General's Supplemental Request for Information to Joint Applicants, Items 94-100, 121, filed on 2 or about March 6, 2008. Big Rivers discussed assumptions made in an ACES Power Marketing 3 study in Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Response to the Attorney General's Supplemental 4 Request for Information to Joint Applicants, Item 114, filed on or about March 6, 2008. And Big 5 Rivers outlined the actions it has taken or will take to implement the recommendation from a Hill 6 & Associates report regarding barges and barging service in Big Rivers Electric Corporation's 7 Response to the Commission Staff's Supplemental Data Request, Item 21, filed on or about 8 March 6, 2008.

9 Based on the foregoing, Big Rivers believes its knowledge of the condition of its 10 generating units at closing will be substantially greater than the knowledge of facility conditions 11 most utilities would have upon the acquisition of generating plants. Moreover, Big Rivers 12 required that one of the conditions to closing be that the generating units must be in good 13 condition and state of repair, and Big Rivers will not close if that condition is not satisfied at 14 closing. Big Rivers' due diligence review will continue up to the closing of the Unwind 15 Transaction. See Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Response to the Commission Staff's First 16 Data Request, Item 51, filed on or about February 14, 2008; Big Rivers Electric Corporation's 17 Updated Responses to Data Requests, Tab 13, Item 88, filed on or about May 30, 2008; see also 18 Rebuttal Testimony of Mark A. Bailey, filed on or about April 23, 2008, at 2-5; Rebuttal 19 Testimony of Michael H. Core, filed on or about April 23, 2008, at 5-7; Big Rivers Electric 20 Corporation's Response to the Attorney General's Initial Request for Information to Joint 21 Applicants, Items 109-110, filed on or about February 14, 2008; Big Rivers Electric 22 Corporation's Response to the Commission Staff's Second Supplemental Data Request, Item 12, 23 filed on or about April 16, 2008; Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Response to the Attorney

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- 1 General's Supplemental Request for Information to Joint Applicants, Item 88, filed on or about
- 2 March 6, 2008.
- 3 Witness) Mark A. Bailey
- 4 David A. Spainhoward

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Stanley C-1 2008 T/G overhaul report Stanley G-1 2007 T/G overhaul report Stanley C-2 2007 T/G overhaul report Stanley C-1 2008 boiler condition report Stanley C-3 2006 boiler condition report

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Stanley W-1 2008 T/G overhaul report