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Re: *In the Matter of: Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for Approval of its 2012 Environmental Compliance Plan, for Approval of its Amended Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge Tariff, for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, and for Authority to Establish a Regulatory Account, P.S.C. Case No. 2012-00063*

Dear Mr. DeRouen:

Enclosed are an original and ten of Big Rivers Electric Corporation's fifth updated response to Item 1 of the Public Service Commission's First Request for Information and third updated response to Item 44 of Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc.'s First Request for Information. A copy of this letter and a copy of the updated responses have been served on each of the persons listed on the attached service list.

Sincerely,



Tyson Kamuf

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BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

**THE APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR
APPROVAL OF ITS 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN AND
REVISIONS TO ITS ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, AND FOR
AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT**

CASE NO. 2012-00063

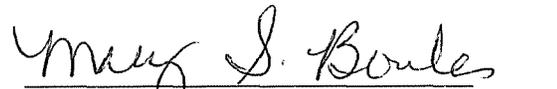
VERIFICATION

I, Ralph A. Ashworth, verify, state, and affirm that I prepared or supervised the preparation of the data responses filed with this Verification, and that those data responses are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.


Ralph A. Ashworth

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF HENDERSON)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me by Ralph A. Ashworth on this the
14th day of September, 2012.


Notary Public, Ky. State at Large
My Commission Expires 8/8/2016

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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS)
2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE)
PLAN, FOR APPROVAL OF ITS AMENDED)
ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY)
SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR CERTIFICATES)
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY, AND FOR AUTHORITY TO)
ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT)

Case No.
2012-00063

Fifth Updated Response to Item 1
of the Commission Staff's
Initial Request for Information
Dated May 21, 2012

Third Updated Response to Item 44
of the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers'
Initial Request for Information
Dated May 21, 2012

FILED: September 14, 2012

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BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

**APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN,
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL COST
RECOVERY SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, AND FOR AUTHORITY TO
ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT
CASE NO. 2012-00063**

***Fifth Updated* Response to Commission Staff's
Initial Request for Information
Dated May 21, 2012**

June 1, 2012

***First Update* June 15, 2012**

***Second Update* July 16, 2012**

***Third Update* August 15, 2012**

***Fourth Update* August 20, 2012**

***Fifth Update* September 14, 2012**

1 **Item 1)** *Refer to the Application, page 7, which states that Big Rivers*
2 *is requesting authority to establish a regulatory account. The Application*
3 *states, “[a]s explained further in Mr. Hite’s testimony, Big Rivers has*
4 *incurred costs in developing this Application, and it will incur additional*
5 *costs to prosecute this case. These costs primarily stem from the retention*
6 *of experts in the legal, regulatory, and engineering professions.” Provide*
7 *the actual costs incurred to date by type and vendor. Consider this an*
8 *ongoing request to be updated by the 15th of the month, to report the prior*
9 *month’s expense, for each month up to and including the month of the*
10 *hearing in this case.*

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12 **Response)** Attached hereto is Big Rivers’ September 14th update for the costs
13 incurred in its Environmental Compliance Plan Application.

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15 **Witness)** Ralph A. Ashworth

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Case No. 2012-00063

***Fifth Updated* Response to PSC 1-1**

Witness: Ralph A. Ashworth

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Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Case No. 2012-00063
Cost Incurred To-date for Environmental Compliance Plan Application
***Fifth Update* to Big Rivers' Response to Item 1 of**
Commission Staff's Initial Request for Information dated May 21, 2012

Entity/Vendor	Amount	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Date Paid	Purpose/Type
Total Per Response Dated August 16, 2012	\$ 495,891.93				
Aces Power Marketing LLC	\$ 8,175.00	12/5916-IN	8/15/2012	8/27/2012	Risk Management Services
Catalyst Consulting LLC	21,907.66	116	9/1/2012	9/12/2012	Consultants
Sargent and Lundy LLC	3,429.00	10803418	8/23/2012	9/6/2012	Engineering Consultants
Sargent and Lundy LLC	25,436.78	10805879	9/13/2012	9/13/2012	Engineering Consultants
Siemens Industry, Inc	11,613.12	5442547760	9/4/2012	9/12/2012	Engineering Consultants
Siemens Industry, Inc	80,569.89	5442511580	8/23/2012	9/12/2012	Engineering Consultants
Sullivan, Mountjoy, Stainback & Miller, P.S.C.	49,270.35	114,297	9/1/2012	9/12/2012	Legal
Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC	49,991.78	20120804	9/1/2012	9/12/2012	Commission Consultants
Total Paid in August through September 14, 2012	\$ 250,393.58				
Total To-Date as of September 14, 2012	\$ 746,285.51				

Note: Per Big Rivers' response to Item 1 of the Staff's Initial Request for Information, dated June 1, 2012, Big Rivers estimated the cost to develop and prosecute this Case at \$900,000.

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

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CASE NO. 2012-00063**

**Third Updated Response to the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers'
Initial Request for Information
Dated May 21, 2012**

June 1, 2012

First Update July 16, 2012

Second Update August 15, 2012

Third Update September 14, 2012

1 **Item 44) Please provide the current balance (as of April 2012 or May**
2 **2012, if available) in the Economic Reserve Fund and the Rural Economic**
3 **Reserve ("RER") fund. This should be considered a continuing request**
4 **and updates should be provided monthly as actual information for each**
5 **succeeding month is available.**

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7 **Response) The month-end balances in the Economic Reserve fund account and**
8 **in the Rural Economic Reserve (RER) fund account are shown in the table below.**

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Big Rivers Electric Corporation Fund Account Balances as of Listed Dates		
	Economic Reserve Fund	Rural Economic Reserve Fund
April 30, 2012	\$ 93,878,033.55	\$ 63,887,762.11
May 31, 2012	\$ 92,253,460.12	\$ 63,984,670.78
June 30, 2012	\$ 90,341,556.06	\$ 64,081,579.43
July 31, 2012	\$ 88,400,701.87	\$ 64,178,488.06
August 31, 2012	\$ 86,676,865.19	\$ 64,275,397.35

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12 **Witness) Ralph A. Ashworth**

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