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June 24, 2013

TO: DIVISION OF FILINGS

RE: Case No. 2012-00535
Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for an Adjustment of Rates

Please file in the administrative record of the above-referenced case the enclosed public meeting notes, which were recorded by Commission Staff at the public meeting in Henderson, Kentucky on June 13, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Deroden".

Jeff Deroden
Executive Director

AAC:kar
Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS)
ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR AN) CASE NO. 2012-00535
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)

MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTH MIDDLE CLASS
HENDERSON, KENTUCKY
JUNE 13, 2013 1:00 P.M.

A public information session and public hearing was held at South Middle School in Henderson, Henderson County, Kentucky on June 13, 2013. Andrew Melnykovich, Director of Communications for the Public Service Commission, conducted the information session introducing the Commission and Commission Staff, and explained the procedure and protocol for the information session and the public hearing. Mr. Melnykovich then presented an overview of the legal basis, criteria and review process for the Commission's consideration of applications for proposed rate increases. The presentation included a general overview of the instant application, explained which aspects of this case are within the Commission's jurisdiction, and concluded with a question-and-answer period with Commission Staff.

At the conclusion of the information session and after a short intermission, Vice Chairman James W. Gardner initiated the public hearing portion of the meeting, providing a brief overview of the case at bar, the parties involved, and setting forth the procedure and protocol for the taking of comments. Vice Chairman Gardner then

invited the public to make comments to the Commission regarding Big Rivers Electric Corporation (“Big Rivers”)’s application for an adjustment in rates to increase adjusted annual revenue by \$74.5 million. The following individuals spoke at the public meeting:

1. Larry Heistand – Mr. Heistand states that he does not believe Big Rivers’ proposed rate increase to be “fair, just or reasonable.” He notes that his prior employer would cut corners to cut costs, and questions why Big Rivers is not taking similar action.

2. Chris Sauer – Mr. Sauer declares that he is against Big Rivers raising their rates.

3. Craig Coberley – Mr. Coberley is an employee of Tyson Foods (“Tyson”). He gave an overview of the company and Tyson’s contributions to the Henderson community, and specifically observes that a quarter of Tyson’s Kentucky team members work at the Roberts Complex and reside in Henderson. He speaks about the dramatic impact a raise in Big Rivers’ rates would have on Tyson’s team members and the families in Henderson. He comments that industrial customers are facing a 17 percent rate increase in this case and that the rumored upcoming case could result in a 10 percent rate increase, which could cause potential increased rates for Tyson. Mr. Coberly states that such an increase puts Kentucky at a disadvantage, and makes Kentucky a “tough place” to do business. He recommends that a reasonable solution be found.

4. Robert Pruitt – Mr. Pruitt is a City Commissioner in Henderson. He describes the lives of the people in Henderson, and notes that many of Henderson’s citizens live on fixed incomes. He discusses the hardship of the extra costs to Big Rivers’ customers, and states that he knows there is a better way to resolve this case.

5. Ernest Green – Mr. Green announces that he is totally dissatisfied with Big Rivers, and feels that he is a “prisoner to circumstances.” He states that he is “... tired of being made a victim and a prisoner by an energy company,” and feels he had no choice but to join the co-op. He believes he is at the total mercy of whatever Big Rivers chooses to charge him, and feels that increasing the rates would be a “bad decision” and a bad way to do business.

6. Peggy Nance – Ms. Nance notes that every bill, not just the Big Rivers bill, is going up, and that a rate increase from Big Rivers would make it more difficult to pay other bills. She states that she is against the proposed rate increase.

No other member of the public wished to make a comment. The public hearing was then adjourned. All persons in attendance were asked to sign in and provide their home address for the record. The sign-in sheet is attached hereto.

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PUBLIC MEETING - SIGN-IN SHEET

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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name	Address	DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK?	
1 <i>Joseph Carl Hous</i>	^{OAG} FRANKFORT KY	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
2 <i>Donna Fox</i>	390 Allison Pl. Henderson, Ky	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
3 <i>John Ly</i>	3295 NEBU RD. MADISONVILLE, KY	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
4 ERNEST L. GREEN	4269 BISHOP LN. HENDERSON, Ky.	YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
5 <i>Rory A. Cristwick</i>	2310 Adams Ly Hand. Ky	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
6 Rachel Bledsoe	1328 Hepburn Ave. LOU. Ky 40204	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
7 LARRY ALLEN	8778 PEACH ORCHARD AVE SPOTTSVILLE KY	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
8 NAURICE ALEXANDER	6603 HACKETT MILCRO II II	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
9 <i>Mark Ba.ley</i>	4008 Shady Hollow Drive Henderson, Ky	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
10 <i>Belle Lee West</i>	3319 ERMAHRS, EVANSVILLE, IN	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

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Name	Address	DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK?	
1 Rob Berry	6683 Barrett Owensboro	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
2 Richard A White		YES	NO
3 Eric Polun		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
4 Charolyn Conroy	Conroy Street	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
5 Jason Jy	Owensboro	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
6 Scott Givers	Henderson	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
7 Larry Heistand	Henderson	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
8 Travis Stewart	Henderson	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
9 Jim MILLER	Owensboro	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
10 Bill Stephens	WSON RADIO	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

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1 Trent Williams		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
2 Jerry Williams		YES	NO
3 Renee Beasley Jones Owensboro, Ky		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
4 BRUCE ABBOTT HEND KY		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
5 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Jason W. West Henderson Ky		YES	NO
6 Chris Sauer 9329 Hwy 60 W		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO
7 T L GAVENS 7413 RIVER RD 1 HEND KY		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
8 Steve Thompson PO Box 1389 Owensboro Ky		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
9 John Valles 201 3rd St. Henderson		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
10 Chuck Stinnett The Gleaner		YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO

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Name	Address	DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK?	
1 Allan Eyre	Henderson	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
2 Chris Hubbard	311 Ruby Ave. Henderson, Ky 42420	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
3 Craig Oberley	826 Aspen Ct Henderson Tyson Field	YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
4 Eric Coffman	Beech Grove	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
5 Dave Pearce	Tyson Field	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
6		YES	NO
7		YES	NO
8		YES	NO
9		YES	NO
10		YES	NO

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1 Robert Pruitt	522 Pagan St	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
2		YES	NO
3		YES	NO
4		YES	NO
5		YES	NO
6		YES	NO
7		YES	NO
8		YES	NO
9		YES	NO
10		YES	NO

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Name	Address	DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK?	
1 Tom Davis	603 Cherry St Henderson, Ky 42420	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
2		YES	NO
3		YES	NO
4		YES	NO
5		YES	NO
6		YES	NO
7		YES	NO
8		YES	NO
9		YES	NO
10		YES	NO