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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re:

In the Matter of: Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation

for a Declaratory Order, Case No. 2016-00278

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Enclosed are an original and ten copies of the status report of Big Rivers Electric Corporation in this matter. I certify that a copy of this letter and attachment have been served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on each of the persons on the attached service list.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Miller

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RE: Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a Declaratory Order, P.S.C. Case No.

2016-00278

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") files this status report with the Public Service Commission ("Commission"). On September 13, 2017, Big Rivers and Henderson Municipal Power & Light ("HMP&L") filed a joint status report announcing that the parties' management teams had reached verbal agreement on terms that would resolve the issues before the Commission in this matter, as well as other significant issues between the parties that are not directly related to the issues in this case. However, after several meetings to discuss the details of a written settlement agreement, HMP&L recently withdrew commitments it had made to Big Rivers months ago that were material components of the verbal agreement reported to the Commission on September 13, 2017. HMP&L has now essentially reverted back to its original litigation position. Therefore, the parties will not be submitting a settlement agreement to the Commission on or before October 27, 2017, and even if permitted by the Commission's order, Big Rivers could not justify a request for further delay.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Berry

President and CEO

Big Rivers Electric Corporation