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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: Tariff Filing of Big Rivers Electric Corporation to Revise

Certain Demand-Side Management Programs, Case No. 2017-00278

Dear Ms. Pinson:

During the November 16, 2017, telephonic informal conference in the above-referenced matter, Big Rivers indicated it is considering the discontinuation of some or all of its current DSM program offerings. Over the next several months, Big Rivers and its Members will review their DSM programs and consider which programs should continue and which programs should be discontinued. Big Rivers and its Members will also consider what tariff changes may be necessary to ensure a smooth transition if all programs are discontinued. By June 30, 2018, Big Rivers and its Members will make a tariff filing detailing any DSM program changes. Big Rivers will also provide by June 30, 2018, details for its plan to earmark the annual difference between its DSM expenditures for the programs that remain and the amount included in Big Rivers' base rates for DSM expenditures.

Additionally, the tariff changes under review in this proceeding arose because the contractor providing the weatherization services under the DSM-05 (Residential Weatherization Program) and DSM-10 (Residential Weatherization Program – Primary Heating Source Non-Electric) tariffs decided to cease providing those services to Big Rivers. Big Rivers has been unable to find another contractor to provide those services, and as a result, Big Rivers can no longer provide the incentives under the DSM-05 and DSM-10 tariffs. It is therefore necessary to terminate the DSM-05 and DSM-10 tariffs prior to the tariff filing Big Rivers will make by June 30, 2018, and Big Rivers respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission approve the proposed tariff changes that are under review in this proceeding.

Sincerely yours,

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