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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ms. Gwen R. Pinson Executive Director Public Service Commission of Kentucky 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40601

> Re: In the Matter of: Motion of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for an Extension of Time to File a New Depreciation Study – Case No. 2018-00313

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of Big Rivers Electric Corporation's Motion for an Extension of Time to File a New Depreciation Study. There are no intervenors in this proceeding.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this filing.

Sincerely,

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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

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## MOTION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A NEW DEPRECIATION STUDY

Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") hereby moves the Kentucky 15 Public Service Commission ("Commission") for an extension of time in which to file 16 17 a new depreciation study. In support of this motion, Big Rivers states as follows: 18 In its April 25, 2014, order in Big River's last rate case, Case No. 2013-00199, the Commission approved the depreciation rates resulting from the depreciation 19 study Big Rivers filed in that case. Ordering Paragraph No. 6 of that order directs 20 21 that "Big Rivers shall prepare a new depreciation study for Commission review by the earlier of five years from the date of this Order or the filing of Big Rivers' next 22 general rate case." Thus, the order in Case No. 2013-00199 requires Big Rivers to 23 24 file a new depreciation study no later than April 25, 2019.

Big Rivers expects to file its next general rate case in 2020, with rates to go into effect in 2021. Based upon the current maximum suspension period under KRS 27 278.190 for a rate case based on a forward-looking test period, plus the 30-day notice period, Big Rivers anticipates filing the application in its next rate case no later than June 1, 2020. As this is only a little more than a year after the current

deadline for Big Rivers to file a new depreciation study, Big Rivers requests that it
be allowed to delay filing a new depreciation study until it files the application in its
next rate case so that the depreciation study filed in the next rate case is up-to-date.
To give Big Rivers some flexibility in the event it chooses to file based on a historic
test period or its rate case filing is otherwise unexpectedly delayed, while still
having a reasonable deadline in which Big Rivers must file a new depreciation
study, Big Rivers requests that the Commission postpone the deadline for Big
Rivers to file its new depreciation study until the earlier of April 25, 2021, or the
filing of Big Rivers' next general rate case.
WHEREFORE, Big Rivers respectfully requests that the Commission grant
Big Rivers an extension of time to file a new depreciation study until the earlier of
April 25, 2021, or the filing of Big Rivers' next general rate case.
On this the 14 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.
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