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To: ["Eric McBride"](#)
Subject: RE: Case No. 2026-00115 – Critical Concerns Regarding Ratepayer Impact of Proposed Hawesville Data Center
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Case No. 2026-00115

Thank you for your comments on the application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation. Your comments in the above-referenced matter have been received and will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration. Please cite the case number in this matter, 2026-00115 in any further correspondence. The documents in this case are available at [View Case Filings for: 2026-00115 \(ky.gov\)](#).

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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Dear Kentucky PSC,

Data Centers are some of the most inefficient "contributions" to modern society, and their risks and the harm caused by them far outweigh the benefits they could bring to either citizens or businesses. We are already seeing substantial increases in utility and power costs across several counties in Kentucky, and potentially exacerbating that blow to our citizens' wellbeing and wallets is only going to result in resentment and a lowering of the already poor health of those same people. PLEASE reconsider allowing these projects to continue to encroach on our homes and our lives.

I am writing regarding the proposed Retail Electric Service Agreement (RESA) between Big Rivers' Electric Corporation and the proposed data center in Hawesville.

The PSC must ensure that Big Tech's power demands are not paid for by Kentucky ratepayers. Western Kentucky families already struggling to make ends meet shouldn't

have to pay a penny more to subsidize some of the most profitable tech companies in the world.

We need answers from the PSC about this proposal, including:

- Likely Residential Ratepayer Impacts: What impacts would this agreement have on residential power consumers?
- Ratepayer Protections: What enforceable ratepayer protections are included in the agreement?
- Confidence in Safeguards: How confident is the Commission that ratepayer protections will be effective throughout the life of the service agreement?
- Contingency Planning: What provisions exist in the agreement to course correct if ratepayer impacts are higher than anticipated?

Please use your authority to ensure the public has all the details it needs to evaluate this proposal before any final decision is made on this significant power contract. Our environment and the wellbeing of Kentucky citizens must come before Big Tech's profits.

Sincerely,

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