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## Via Federal Express

Hon. Elizabeth A. O'Donnell Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: In the Matter of the 2005 Integrated Resource Plan of Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Case No. 2005-00485

## Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Please refer to your letter to me of April 25, 2006 in this matter, in which you advised that the staff of the Public Service Commission ("Commission") requests Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") to report on the status of the Big Rivers-E.ON transaction unwind process on May 31, 2006, and every 60 days thereafter. We have sent status reports in letters dated May 30, 2006, July 27, 2006, September 28, 2006, November 29, 2006, January 26, 2007, March 29, 2007, May 30, 2007 and July 30, 2007. This letter is the ninth status report on behalf of Big Rivers.

Also please refer to your letter of April 24, 2007, to David A. Spainhoward, a Big Rivers Vice President, granting his request to hold in abeyance certain continuing reporting obligations of Big Rivers pending the anticipated closing of the "unwind" transaction. This letter will serve as a continuing response to the requirement in that letter that Big Rivers file an update regarding the status of the preparation of its unwind transaction approvals application.

We noted in our letter of July 30, 2007, that the delays attendant to work on the unwind financial model have impacted completion of the agreements under which Big Rivers and Kenergy Corp. expect to provide service to Alcan Primary Products and Century Aluminum post-closing, and the schedule for filing the application for the principal unwind transaction approvals. Work on the unwind financial model is nearing completion. Big Rivers and the smelters are scheduled to meet next week to try to finalize the agreements between them. Big Rivers has verbally committed to give the Commission at least thirty days advance notice of the filing of the application for the approvals required for the unwind transaction. At this point, Big Rivers anticipates

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giving that notice within the next four or five weeks, with the potential goal of filing its application before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Big Rivers appreciates you allowing it to hold in abeyance certain of its filing requirements. We will continue to keep the Commission informed as this transaction progresses.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Miller

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