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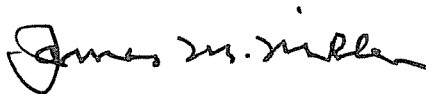
Re: In the Matter of the 2005 Integrated Resource Plan  
of Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Case No. 2005-00485

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 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, and November 29, 2006. This letter is the fifth status report on behalf of Big Rivers.

Representatives of Big Rivers, E.ON-U.S., Alcan Primary Products and Century Aluminum continue to press for a resolution of the issues underlying the refusal of one of Big Rivers' creditors to give the consents Big Rivers requires to implement the Big Rivers/E.ON unwind on the basis contemplated. There is still no definitive resolution of the creditor issue, but Big Rivers will inform you if and when a resolution is achieved. But in the meantime, substantial progress has been made in the efforts to complete negotiations on the definitive documents with E.ON and the smelters. Big Rivers anticipates communicating with the Commission regarding this transaction before the next scheduled reporting date.

Sincerely yours,



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