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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("<u>Big Rivers</u>") moved on January 10, 2006, that this proceeding be held in abeyance. On January 18, 2006, the Public Service Commission ("<u>Commission</u>") responded with an order holding "that this case shall be held in abeyance until further Order of this Commission."

Big Rivers stated in its motion that it expected to initiate proceedings before the Commission by April 30, 2006, requesting Commission approval of the contemplated transaction to terminate and unwind the operating and power sales arrangements (the "<u>Unwind Transaction</u>") put in place between Big Rivers and subsidiaries or affiliates of E.ON U.S., LLC, formerly known as LG&E Energy LLC ("<u>E.ON</u>"), as of July 15, 1998. Big Rivers, however, will not be filing any approval request relating to the Unwind Transaction before the end of this month.

Two of many critical pieces of the Unwind Transaction are the definitive agreements with E.ON and the E.ON affiliates required to accomplish the Unwind Transaction, and the contracts with Kenergy Corp., one of Big Rivers' member distribution cooperatives, Alcan Primary Products Corporation and Century Aluminum of Kentucky General Partnership by which Big Rivers will provide a long-term, wholesale power supply for Kenergy to deliver retail electric service to those aluminum companies. The negotiations of these complicated documents are proceeding well, but are not yet concluded. Big Rivers' discussions with its creditors cannot progress until the definitive documents can be presented to the creditors.

Telephone (270) 926-4000 Telecopier (270) 683-6694 The reasons given by Big Rivers in its original motion to hold this matter in abeyance are still valid. If the Unwind Transaction closes, Big Rivers, the Commission and others will have wasted the time, effort and resources expended to develop an IRP based upon Big

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Rivers continuing to operate under the arrangements with E.ON have been in place since 1998. Big Rivers accordingly requests that the Commission take no further action in this matter until circumstances allow Big Rivers and the Commission to determine whether the proposed Unwind Transaction will become a reality. If the Unwind Transaction does not close, Big Rivers and the Commission will establish a procedural order to complete the integrated resource plan proceedings initiated in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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