October 22, 2008

## PARTIES OF RECORD:

Case No. 2007-00455
Big Rivers Electric Corporation, et al.

Attached is a copy of the informal conference memorandum which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. If you wish to make any comments regarding the contents of the memorandum, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. Should you have any questions regarding the memorandum, please contact Richard Raff at 502/564-3940, Extension 263.


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## Enclosure

## INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

## KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO:
Case File No. 2007-00455
FROM:
Richard Raff, Staff Attorney


DATE: October 21,2008
SUBJECT: Big Rivers Electric Corporation, et al.

Pursuant to the Commission Staff notice dated October 14, 2008, an informal conference was held on October 20, 2008 at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky. As listed in the Staff notice, the purposes of the conference were to discuss the amended application filed on October 9, 2008, the proposed procedural schedule, and other relevant issues, including, but not limited to, the physical condition of Henderson Unit Nos. 1 and 2 and Big Rivers' rate schedule No. 10. A list of the attendees is attached hereto.

Big Rivers made formal presentations on the changes to its unwind financial model and the Third Amendment to Termination Agreement. Copies of these presentations, along with Big Rivers' proposed meeting agenda and proposed procedural schedule are attached hereto. Western Kentucky Energy made a presentation on the current physical condition of the Henderson Generating Unit Nos. 1 and 2 and discussed the historic and projected maintenance on those units. A copy of that presentation is also attached hereto. In response to this discussion, the City of Henderson stated that it would file some information which indicates the basis for its concerns regarding the condition of Henderson Unit Nos. 1 and 2.

The parties then discussed the proposed procedural schedule and agreed that: any data request to the joint applicants would be filed by October 24, 2008; responses thereto to be filed by November 7, 2008; supplemental intervenor testimony to be filed by November 21, 2008; an informal conference (if needed) to be held on November 24, 2008; and a hearing on December 2, 2008. Discussion was held on two conditions precedent that have not been satisfied: (1) consent to the unwind transaction by the City of Henderson; and (2) Big Rivers' receipt of an investment-grade financial rating. Staff questioned why the hearing should be held before these two conditions precedent had been satisfied and suggested that the joint applicants file a motion requesting the scheduling of the hearing date and include therein a discussion of the reasons why the hearing should be held prior to meeting the two conditions precedent.
cc: Parties of Record w/o enclosures

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AGENDA<br>Informal Conference<br>Case No. 2007-00455<br>October 20, 2008

1) Summary of Changes in the Unwind Financial Model since June 2008
2) Overview of Third Amendment to Termination Agreement
3) Presentation on Henderson Station Two Generating Units
4) Procedural Schedule

# Summary of Changes in the Unwind Financial Model, June 2008 vs. October 2008 

## Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Contents:

- Overview
- Key Changes in the Financial Model
- Transaction Impact (Including Effect of Lease Buyouts)
- Sources and Uses of Funds
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- Change in Projected Revenue Requirement, 2009-2023
- Effective Rate Impact
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B - Changes in Fixed Costs
C - Lease Buyout Cash Flow Detail
D - Interest Expense Analysis
E-Economic Reserve
F - Credit Metrics

## Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Overview:

- Key events since 6/11/08 filing:
- Completion of BoA lease buyout 6/08
- AMBAC downgrade 7/08
- Completion of PMCC lease buyout 9/08
- Updated Production Cost Model run 9/08
- Amendments to Smelter and Termination Agreements 9/08
- Updating of the Financial Model 10/08
- Summary effects since 6/11/08 filed model:
- Moderately adjusted transaction economics, with key benefits to Big Rivers preserved
- Increased revenue impact of approximately 3\% through 2023
- Weighted average effective rate impact as follows (2009-2023):
- Non-Smelter Members:
\$1.38/ MWh
- Smelters:
\$1.49/ MWh
- Blended:
\$1.45/ MWh

Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Key Changes in the Financial Model Since 6/11/08 Filing (1):

Transaction

## A. Closing Date

B. Updated Financial Statements, PreClose

## C. Transaction

Payments and Debt Reduction

- Adjusted from $4 / 30 / 08$ to $12 / 31 / 08$
- 2007 adjusted for actual results
- Projected operations under existing transaction terms extended through year-end 2008, based on Big Rivers budgets
- Cash diverted from RUS prepayment to conserve cash following PMCC lease buyout (approximately $\$ 60 \mathrm{~m}$ )
- Minor adjustments in cash payment from E.ON to reflect expected inventory values

Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08
Key Changes in the Financial Model Since 6/11/08 Filing (2):
Net Operating Costs
A. Increased Costs

- Fuel costs
- Variable O\&M
- Net SO2 and NOx allowance costs
- Fixed Costs
- Other
B. Offsets to Increased Costs
- Offsystem sales
- Power purchases
- Economic Reserve
- Other

Net Impact on Weighted Average Rates $=+$ \$1.11/ MWh through 2023
(blended basis)

Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Key Changes in the Financial Model Since 6/11/08 Filing (3):

## Impact of Lease Buyouts (Post-Transaction)

A. Reductions in Revenue
B. Increase in Interest Expense

## C. Reduction in Net Margin <br> Requirement

- Discontinuation of net lease income *
- Discontinuation of CoBank patronage
- Impact of higher RUS debt balances and subsequent capital markets issues in 2011 and after (see Appendix D)
- Based on setting of contract TIER at $1.24 x$
- Removing Sale-Leaseback interest lowers margin requirement, net of increased interest above

Net Impact on Weighted Average Rates $=+\mathbf{\$ 0 . 3 4 /}$ MWh through 2023
(blended basis)

* Net lease income has consisted of interest earnings on consolidated defeasance investments, interest expense on consolidated lease obligations, and amortization of the gain on the original lease transaction. The interest earnings/ expenses on the defeasance accounts have been discontinued as a function of the lease buyouts, and the unamortized lease gain is modeled as being fully taken into income on

Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08
Key Changes in the Financial Model Since 6/11/08 Filing (4):

## Smelter Agreements and Rate Structure

## A. MRDA

B. 2\% Member Rate Increase Assumption
C. Adjustment to Smelter Surcharges
D. Economic Reserve Accounts

- The Member Revenue Discount Adjustment (MRDA) expires
- The $2 \%$ Member rate increase originally assumed under the Smelter Agreements has been removed

The original Smelter Surcharges have been offset by $\$ 200,000$ a month for 96 months

- The $\$ 7 \mathrm{~m}$ Smelter FAC Reserve is paid directly to the Smelters at closing
- Draws on the $\$ 157 m$ Non-Smelter Member Economic Reserve are "feathered" (or graduated) in 2010-2012 to smooth rate impact (see also Appendix E)


## Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Transaction Impact (1):

## Sources and Uses of Funds (\$M)

- The principal change to Transaction cash flows is the need to recover approximately $\$ 60 \mathrm{~m}$ incurred to buy out the Sale Leaseback transactions in 2008
- The $\$ 60 \mathrm{~m}$ is diverted from prepayment of the RUS Note, to maintain adequate cash balances

| 1 | Cash Balance Before Transactions | Location in Financial Model Proforma, line 174 | 6/08 $147$ | Delta <br> (1) | $\begin{array}{r}10 / 08 \\ 146 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Sources |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Transaction Cash Payment | Proforma, line 165 | 384 | 4 | 388 |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Uses |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Transaction Payments | Proforma, line 167 | 6 | (3) | 3 |
| 7 | Member Economic Reserve | Proforma, line 169 | 157 | - | 157 |
| 8 | Smelter FAC Reserve | Proforma, line 170 | 7 | - | 7 |
| 12 | Recover Outlay on Lease Buyouts | Proforma, line 162 | - | (60) | 60 |
| 13 | Reduce RUS New Note + Accrued Interest | Proforma, line 166 | 207 | (60) | 147 |
| 14 | Total |  | 377 | (3) | 374 |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 |  | Change in Cash |  | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| 17 | Cash Balance After Transactions * | Proforma, line 174 | 154 | 6 | 160 |
|  | * Including Transition Reserve |  |  |  |  |

## Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Transaction Impact (2):

## Balance Sheet Impact - Unwind Transaction plus Lease Buyouts (\$M)

- Cash and equity enhanced similarly to 6/11/08 filed model
- Slightly improved Equity/ Asset ratio compared to 6/11/08, with Sale Leaseback removed
- RUS prepay is approximately $\$ 140 \mathrm{~m}$, rather than the $\$ 200 \mathrm{~m}$ modeled on $6 / 11 / 08$

|  | prepay is approximater |  | 12/31/08 <br> Before <br> Unwind + w/o Lease Buyouts <br> Proforma, Column E | Change* | 12/31/08 After Unwind + with Lease Buyouts <br> Proforma, Column G |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Net Utility Plant | Proforma, lines 223-224-225 | 912 | 99 | 1,011 |
| 2 | Sale-Leaseback Investments | Sale Leaseback, line 8 | 197 | (197) |  |
| 3 | Cash \& Investments | Proforma, lines 228 thr. 232 | 146 | 171 | 317 |
| 4 | Other | Line 5 - line 1 - line 2 - line 3 | 53 | 40 | 93 |
| 5 | Assets |  | 1,308 | 112 | 1,420 |
| 6 | Equities | Proforma, line 248 | (139) | 511 | 372 |
| 7 | Sale-Leaseback Obligation \& Unamortized Gain | Proforma, lines $251+263$ | 240 | \य (240) | - |
| 8 | RUS Debt | Unwind Debt, line 18 | 765 | $(140)$ | ) 626 |
| 9 | Other | Line 10 - line 6 - line 7 - line 8 | 441 | (18) | 423 |
| 10 | Equities \& Liabilities |  | 1,308 | 112 | 1,420 |
|  | EQUITY/ASSETS |  | -11\% |  | 26\% |

* Impact of BoA and PMCC lease buyouts shown consolidated with Unwind Transaction


Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Effective Rate Impact (1):

Non-Smelter Members - Year By Year

- Weighted average rate impact is $\$ 1.38$ / MWh on blended basis
- Note that rates are smoothed through 2013 by feathering (gradualism) of Economic Reserve (see also Appendix E)

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## Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Effective Rate Impact (2):

|  |  | \$/ MWh | Key Drivers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Filed Model (6/08) | 46.11 |  |
| 2 | Expired MRDA | 0.89 | $\ll \ln$ connection with credit markets/ lease transactions |
| 3 | GRA | (0.79) | << Reduced pressure on General Rate Adjustments |
| 4 | Regulatory Account | (0.18) | $\ll$ Reduced power purchases |
| 6 | FAC | 0.63 | << Increases in fuel cost |
| 7 | Environmental Surcharge | 0.69 | << Increases in VOM, net emissions allowance costs |
| 8 | Surcharge Credit | 0.31 | <<Reduction in Surcredit per Smelter Agreements |
| 9 | Rebate Realized | 0.08 | << Increases in fixed cost, interest, and other |
| 10 | Economic Reserve/ MRSM | (0.26) | << Increased coverage from Economic Reserve |
| 13 | Overall Change | 1.38 |  |
| 14 | December Close/ \$60.9m Buyout | 47.49 |  |

* Rates are shown on a cash basis (i.e. reflecting realization of Rebate calculated on basis of prior year accounting. Weighted average rates for 2009-2023 are calculated as follows: i) sum of Non-Smelter Member payments for 2009-2023 (Proforma lines 107 and 108), divided by ii) total Non-Smelter Member sales for 2009-2023 (Proforma lines 3 and 5).

Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Effective Rate Impact (3):

Smelters - Year By Year

- Weighted average rate impact is $\$ 1.49$ / MWh

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## Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Effective Rate Impact (4):

Smelters - Weighted Average: 2009-2023 *
\$/ MWh Key Drivers

| 1 | Filed Model (6/08) | 49.93 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| 2 | Expired MRDA | $0.71 \ll$ In connection with credit markets/ lease transactions |  |
| 3 | GRA | $(0.60) \ll$ Reduced pressure on General Rate Adjustments |  |
| 4 | TIER Adjustment | $0.20 \ll$ Increases in fixed cost, interest, and other |  |
| 5 | FAC | $0.65 \ll$ Increases in fuel cost |  |
| 6 | Smelter Economic Reserve | $0.07 \ll$ Direct payment of Smelter FAC Reserve |  |
| 7 | Environmental Surcharge | $0.68 \ll$ Increases in VOM, net emissions allowance costs |  |
| 8 | Power Purchases | $(0.14) \ll$ Reduced power purchases |  |
| 9 | Surcharge | $(0.18) \ll$ Reduction in Surcharge per Smelter Agreements |  |
| 10 | TIER Related Rebate | $0.10 \ll$ Increases in fixed cost, interest, and other |  |
| 11 | Overall Change | 1.49 |  |
| 12 | December Close $\$ 60.9 \mathrm{~m}$ Buyout | 51.42 |  |

* Rates are shown on a cash basis (i.e. reflecting realization of Rebate calculated on basis of prior year accounting. Weighted average rates for 2009-2023 are calculated as follows: i) sum of Smelter payments for 2009-2023 (Proforma line 109), divided by ii) total Smelter sales for 2009-2023 (Proforma lines 7 and 9).

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## Appendix A - Production Cost Model (1)

Fuel and Variable O\&M (2009-2023)

1 Fuel
2 Fuel Consumption Millions of MMBtus
3 Weighted Average Price (\$/ MMbtu)
4 Coal Expense (\$M)
5 Start Costs (\$M)
6 Kentucky Coal Tax Credit (\$M)
7 Total Cost (\$M)
8
9 Variable O\&M
10 Production (TWh)
11 Weighted Average Cost (\$/ MWh)
12 Cost (\$M)

| 6/08 | Delta | 10/08 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1,950 | 54 | 2,004 |
| 2.04 | 0.02 | 2.06 |
| 3,973.3 | 150.3 | 4,123.5 |
| 142.5 | 36.3 | 178.8 |
| - | (2.1) | (2.1) |
| 4,115.8 | 184.5 | 4,300.3 |
| 176.96 | 4.13 | 181.10 |
| 3.53 | 0.54 | 4.07 |
| 624.1 | 112.2 | 736.4 |

Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Appendix A - Production Cost Model (2)

## SO2 Allowances

SO 2 Allowances Excess/ (Shortfall)

- As indicated at right, CAIR equivalent assumed to come into effect in 2011, instead of 2010
- Allowance prices projected below $\$ 200 /$ ton through 2010
- Net revenue loss of $\$ 24 m$ is largely:
- concentrated in 2009 and 2010
- price driven

Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Appendix A - Production Cost Model (3)

Offsystem Sales and Purchases (2009-2023)

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Offsystem Sales
    Sales (TWh)
    $/ MWh
    Revenues ($M; 2009-2023)
6 Purchases
7 Purchases (TWh)
8 $/MWh
9 Costs ($M; 2009-2023)
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| 6/08 | Delta | 10/08 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15.17 | 2.63 | 17.81 |
| 60.19 | 4.77 | 64.96 |
| 913.2 | 243.5 | 1,156.6 |
| 11.38 | (1.50) | 9.88 |
| 45.48 | 4.82 | 50.29 |
| 517.5 | (20.6) | 496.9 |

## Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Appendix B - Changes in Fixed Costs 2009-2023

$\$$| \$/ MWh |
| :---: |
| (blended) |$\quad$ Key Drivers


| 1 | Fixed Cost Breakout |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 | A\&G |
| 3 | Fixed Production O\&M |
| 4 | Marketing Fees |
| 5 | Other |
| 6 | Total |


| 69.0 | 0.40 | <<Revised budgets from WKE and Big Rivers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 43.5 | 0.25 | << Revised budgets from WKE and Big Rivers |
| 18.7 |  | < APM Fees faespom tratoury |
| 3.2 | 0.02 |  |
| 134.4 | 0.78 |  |

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## Appendix C - Lease Buyout Cash Flow Detail

 (\$M, Year-End Net Basis)

Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Appendix D - Interest Expense Analysis (\$M)

Higher RUS Debt into 2012
Additional Capital Markets borrowings in 2012 and after

|  |  | Tot. |  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Filed Case (6/08) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Capital Markets |  | - | 328 |  |  |  |  |  | 11.5 13.9 | 11.5 | 11.5 9.6 | 11.5 7.2 | 11.5 4.7 | 11.5 2.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 10.8 \\ & (0.0) \end{aligned}$ | 8.0 $(0.0)$ |
|  | RUS |  | 33.8 | 32.8 | 31.8 | 30.7 | 29.5 | 28.3 | 27.0 | 13.9 | 11.8 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 4.7 | 2.1 | (0.0) |  |
|  | ARVP |  | 6.2 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 13.2 | 14.0 7.1 |
|  | PCB |  | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
|  | Line of Credit |  | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
|  | Interest Capitalized |  | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) |
|  | AMBAC Amortized |  | 3.8 | - |  |  |  | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | - | $\bigcirc$ |  |
|  | Fees Amortized |  |  | - | - |  | - | , | - | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
|  | Total |  | 50.7 | 46.2 | 45.5 | 44.9 | 44.1 | 43.3 | 42.5 | 42.0 | 40.5 | 38.8 | 37.1 | 35.3 | 33.4 | 31.3 | 29.1 |
|  | Delta | $40.9$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Capital Markets |  |  |  |  | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.3 |  |
|  | RUS | 8.8 2.6 |  | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 80.2) | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0.4) | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.2) | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
|  | ARVP | (2.0) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.2) |
| 5 | Fees Amortized | $\frac{(1.8)}{45.9}$ | - | - | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | (0.2) | (0.2) | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0,1) |
| 6 | Total |  | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 4.6 |
|  | December Close/ \$60.9m Buyout |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Capital Markets |  | - | - | - | 4.1 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.1 | 15.1 |  |
|  | RUS |  | 36.4 | 35.6 | 34.8 | 32.8 | 29.3 | 28.0 | 26.6 | 13.5 | 11.6 | 9.4 | 7.0 | 4.6 | 2.4 |  | (0.0) |
|  | ARVP |  | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 10.3 | 10.9 | 11.6 | 12.3 | 13.0 | 13.8 |
|  | PCB |  | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
|  | Line of Credit |  | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0. |
|  | Interest Capitalized |  | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) | (0.8) |
|  | AMBAC Amortized |  | 3.8 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  | - |
| 8 | Fees Amortized |  | - | - | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
|  | Total |  | 53.1 | 48.9 | $\overline{48.4}$ | 51.0 | 47.9 | 46.4 | 44.8 | 43.5 | 42.0 | 40.4 | 40.1 | 38.4 | 36.9 | 35.2 | 33.7 |

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## Summary of Changes in Unwind Financial Model, 10/20/08

## Appendix E-Economic Reserve

More gradual draws on Economic Reserve (red lines below) buffer what would otherwise be $40 \%$ rate increase in 2013


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## Appendix F - Credit Metrics

| Equity/Assets | Min. | T | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filed Case (6/08) | 24\% | 24\% | 25\% | 26\% | 28\% | 29\% | 30\% | $31 \%$ | 32\% | 33\% | 34\% | 36\% | 37\% | 38\% | 39\% | 41\% | 42\% |
| December Close/ \$60.9m Buyout | 26\% | 26\% | 27\% | 28\% | 28\% | 31\% | 33\% | 34\% | 31\% | 37\% | 38\% | 39\% | 40\% | 42\% | $43 \%$ | 44\% | 45\% |
| Conventional TIER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filed Case (6/08) | 1.22 | na | 1.27 | 1.22 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.28 | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1.31 | 1.31 | 1.32 |
| December Close/ \$60.9m Buyout | 127 | na | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.29 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1.31 | 1.31 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.33 | 1.34 |
| Debt Service Coverage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filed Case (6/08) | 1.32 | na | 1.61 | 1.32 | 1.43 | 1.58 | 1.55 | 1.89 | 1.68 | 1.47 | 1.51 | 1.56 | 1.51 | 1.56 | 1.53 | 1.49 | 1.47 |
| December Close/ \$60.9m Buyout | 1.44 | na | 2.24 | 1.97 | 1.45 | 1.77 | 1.45 | 1.61 | 1.46 | 1.44 | 1.57 | 1.61 | 1.56 | 1.65 | 1.98 | 1.96 | 1.93 |
| Ending Cash Balances (\$M; Unrestricted + Transition Reserve; Excluding Line of Credit) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Filed Case (6/08) | 74 | 178 | 147 | 113 | 88 | 74 | 77 | 102 | 112 | 113 | 115 | 116 | 112 | 114 | 112 | 107 | 100 |
| December Close/ \$60.9m Buyout | 73 | 160 | 137 | 142 | 162 | 104 | 86 | 89 | 282 | 77 | 73 | 96 | 85 | 83 | 90 | 96 | 97 |

## Third Amendment to

# Termination Agreement <br> Informal Conference 

October 20, 2008

## Third Amendment Review

Payments

- At Closing WKEC will pay BREC $1 / 2$ of net PMCC buyout (approx. \$61 million), plus \$172,500.
- At closing BREC will pay WKEC net book value for 16 barges (as of 12/31/08 \$1.298 million).

Solid Fuel Stock Inventory-Minimum 30 days at each site
SO2 Allowances-Adds schedule for SO 2 allowances apportionment for 1st quarter 2009

## Third Amendment Review

## Agreements on Operation of Plants Prior to Closing

- Classes of issues identified and resolved
- Procedures to eliminate future amendments
- Indemnifications against permit renewal delays or denials and administrative penalties
- Projects to be completed by WKEC
- Change to recognize later closing date


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# Station Two Condition and Status of HMP\&L Consent 

Informal Conference at the Kentucky Public Service Commission October 20, 2008
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## WKE has a solid track record of operating Station Two

- Station Two annual generation has increased
- Station Two is in the 2nd quartile (and above the median) in terms of performance for similar units in the Midwest
- Since 1998, WKE has overseen major capital improvement and has paid for $70+\%$ of these project costs such as:
- SCR installation
- Replacement of analog unit controls with distributive control systems
- Replacement of major boiler components


## Station Two continuously operates at top quartile levels



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## Station Two Equivalent Forced Outage Rate continues to improve and is better than panel median

100 MW - 200 MW Units


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## Station Two availability continues to improve and is better than panel median

100 MW - 200 MW Units


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## HMP\&L has fully participated in Station Two operations

- HMP\&L reviews and approves the Station Two budget
- HMP\&L is free to request additions, cancellations or deferrals of projects in the budget
- HMP\&L staff reviews and approves all expenditures
- HMP\&L Board approves all expenditures over \$20,000
- HMP\&L has full access to the station and has someone who works on site
- HMP\&L staff attend all daily planning meetings
- HMP\&L staff attend all outage-related meetings


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## HMP\&L has constrained WKE's proposed capital and 0\&M plans

- In fiscal years 2006 to 2008, HMP\&L has deferred or cancelled over \$11 million in capital and O\&M projects proposed by WKE
- Since WKE began operations in 1998, HMP\&L has never requested an increase in WKE's proposed budget
- Recent HMP\&L plant condition reports allege numerous maintenance issues which were in fact items that were deferred by HMP\&L
- Even after raising concerns about plant conditions during unwind negotiations with WKE, HMP\&L has continued to request cuts in the Station Two budget


## Big Rivers should be confident that Station Two will perform as planned

- Big Rivers has performed the necessary evaluation to be comfortable with the existing condition of Station Two
- Big Rivers has proposed increases over WKE's Station Two capital and O\&M budget which should sustain or enhance existing plant performance
- Section 16.1 of the Transaction Termination Agreement protects Big Rivers from any future claims by HMP\&L against it for WKE's breach or default under the Station Two-related agreements that occurred during WKE's operation


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## HMP\&L has been offered compensation for its consent

- HMP\&L is being asked to change the termination date on the existing agreements.
- If HMP\&L believes WKE did not comply with its obligations, the existing contracts (which were vigorously negotiated by HMP\&L in 1998) give HMP\&L rights and remedies to bring claims against WKE. These rights and remedies would survive an early termination due to the unwind transaction.
- E.On U.S. would pay HMP\&L at closing:
- $\$ 1$ million for its consent to the unwind transaction
- $\$ 3$ million into an escrow account to be used solely for the purpose of reimbursing HMP\&L for its share of Station Two capital costs incurred after the closing
- Up to $\$ 1.4$ million for HMP\&L's out-of-pocket 3rd party costs related to the unwind transaction
- Big Rivers has offered to enhance the existing contracts relating to HMP\&L's "excess energy" by agreeing to purchase all of the available excess energy from HMP\&L and by increasing the fee to $\$ 2.50 / \mathrm{MWH}$.
- With E.On U.S.' proposal, a dispute regarding WKE's operation of Station Two should not be a reason for HMP\&L to refuse to consent to the unwind transaction.


## EXHIBIT 88

## PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Filing Motion to Amend Application ..... 10/9/08
Informal Conference ..... 10/17/08
Data requests on filing to applicants filed ..... 10/21/08
Applicants' responses to data requests filed ..... 11/4/08
Supplemental intervenor testimony filed ..... 11/18/08
Informal Conference (if needed) ..... 11/24/08
Hearing commences in Hearing Room 1 at 9:00 a.m. ..... 12/2/08
Simultaneous briefs of parties filed ..... 12/16/08
Commission order issued ..... 1/23/09

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