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Representative Tommy Thompson Capitol Annex Room 351 Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Representative Thompson:

I greatly appreciated receiving your letter concerning the matter involving Big Rivers Electric Corporation and E. ON US commonly referred to as the "unwind" of their contractual agreements. As you know, this important matter is currently before the Kentucky Public Service Commission and therefore I am unable to discuss this case in any detail.

However, I promise that, as in each and every case that comes before the Commission, my two fellow Commissioners and I will give the matter the attention and high regard it deserves.

The Commission heard testimony on this case over two days last month and your constituents and you can monitor the progress of this case via our website, psc.ky.gov. If you need any assistance on this or any matter do not hesitate to contact our new Executive Director, Jeff Derouen, at 564-3940.

Thanks you for your interest in this matter and the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

David L/Armstrong

Chairman



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TOMMY THOMPSON

February 23, 2009

Mr. David L. Armstrong, Chairman Kentucky Public Service Commission Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

The Big Rivers Electric Corporation and E.ON U.S. are undertaking steps necessary to "unwind" current contractual agreements and, as a result, enabling Big Rivers to regain control of their electric generating plants. The Kentucky General Assembly passed bipartisan legislation in 2006 that assists in the transition.

As this process continues, I respectfully ask the Kentucky Public Commission to maintain oversight of the "unwind" filing. This transaction is of utmost importance to Western Kentucky and its two largest employers, Alcan Aluminum and Century Aluminum, who are valuable parties to this "unwind." These employers provide 1,400 of the highest-paying jobs in Western Kentucky and serve as a cornerstone for economic stability in the area.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide assistance during the "unwind" transition.

Sincerely,

Tommy Thompson

State Representative

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