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Sullivan, Mountjoy, Stainback
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Attention: Tyson Kamuf
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Re: Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Petition for Confidential Protection received 3/18/11
PSC Reference #: 2010-00495

Dear Mr. Kamuf:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on March 18, 2011 on behalf of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in the Exhibit to Big Rivers' Revised Response to Item 9 of information requested in Appendix B of PSC Order dated January 26, 2011. The information is more particularly described as revised Exhibit to Item 9 in its entirety describing "the Planned Maintenance Schedule" for 2011 and 2012.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Big Rivers' competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

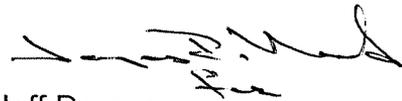
Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Big Rivers' competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for

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usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Big Rivers Electric Corporation is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record