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Mr. Jeff Derouen
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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Re: *In the Matter of: Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for Approval of its 2012 Environmental Compliance Plan, for Approval of its Amended Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge Tariff, for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, and for Authority to Establish a Regulatory Account, P.S.C. Case No. 2012-00063*

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") provides its Fourth Update to its response to Item 1 of the Commission Staff's Initial Request for Information dated May 21, 2012, in Case No. 2012-00063. Please confirm the Commission's receipt of this update by placing the Commission's filestamp on the enclosed additional copy and returning it to Big Rivers in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelop provided.

Sincerely,



Tyson Kamuf

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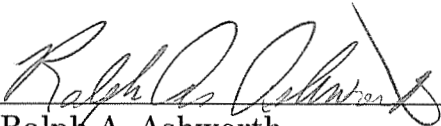
BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

**THE APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR
APPROVAL OF ITS 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN AND
REVISIONS TO ITS ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, AND FOR
AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT**

CASE NO. 2012-00063

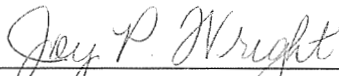
VERIFICATION

I, Ralph A. Ashworth, verify, state, and affirm that I prepared or supervised the preparation of the data responses filed with this Verification, and that those data responses are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.


Ralph A. Ashworth

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF HENDERSON)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me by Ralph A. Ashworth on this the
17 day of August, 2012.


Notary Public, Ky. State at Large
My Commission Expires _____

**Notary Public, Kentucky State-At-Large
My Commission Expires: July 3, 2014
ID 421951**

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

In the Matter of:

**APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS)
2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE)
PLAN, FOR APPROVAL OF ITS AMENDED)
ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY)
SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR CERTIFICATES)
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY, AND FOR AUTHORITY TO)
ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT)**

**Case No.
2012-00063**

**Fourth Updated Responses to the Commission Staff's
Initial Request for Information
Dated May 21, 2012**

FILED: August 20, 2012

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BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

**APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN,
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL COST
RECOVERY SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, AND FOR AUTHORITY TO
ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT
CASE NO. 2012-00063**

Fourth Updated Response to Commission Staff's
Initial Request for Information
Dated May 21, 2012

June 1, 2012

First Update June 15, 2012

Second Update July 16, 2012

Third Update August 15, 2012

Fourth Update August 20, 2012

1 Item 1) *Refer to the Application, page 7, which states that Big Rivers*
2 *is requesting authority to establish a regulatory account. The Application*
3 *states, “[a]s explained further in Mr. Hite’s testimony, Big Rivers has*
4 *incurred costs in developing this Application, and it will incur additional*
5 *costs to prosecute this case. These costs primarily stem from the retention*
6 *of experts in the legal, regulatory, and engineering professions.” Provide*
7 *the actual costs incurred to date by type and vendor. Consider this an*
8 *ongoing request to be updated by the 15th of the month, to report the prior*
9 *month’s expense, for each month up to and including the month of the*
10 *hearing in this case.*

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12 **Response)** Attached hereto is Big Rivers’ August 20th update for the costs
13 incurred in its Environmental Compliance Plan Application.

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15 **Witness)** Ralph A. Ashworth

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Big Rivers Electric Corporation

Case No. 2012-00063

Cost Incurred To-date for Environmental Compliance Plan Application

***Fourth Update* to Big Rivers' Response to Item 1 of**

Commission Staff's Initial Request for Information dated May 21, 2012

Entity/Vendor	Amount	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Date Paid	Purpose/Type
Total Per Response Dated August 14, 2012 (Invoices Paid thru 07-31-2012)	\$ 403,752.53				
Catalyst Consulting LLC	\$ 21,309.77	109	8/1/2012	8/16/2012	Consultants
Siemens Industry Inc.	7,993.13	1415	6/28/2012	8/2/2012	Engineering Consultants
Sullivan, Mountjoy, Stainback	35,276.50	113,893	8/1/2012	8/16/2012	Legal
Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC	27,560.00	20120703	8/1/2012	8/16/2012	Commission Consultants
Total Paid in August thru August 16, 2012	\$ 92,139.40				
Total Payments To-Date thru August 16, 2012	\$ 495,891.93				

Note: Per Big Rivers' response to Item 1 of the Staff's Initial Request for Information, dated June 1, 2012, the estimated cost to develop and prosecute this Case is \$900,000. Big Rivers will seek to update this estimate throughout the proceeding.

Case No. 2012-00063

Attachment for *Fourth Updated* Response to Item PSC 1-1

Witness: Ralph A. Ashworth