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Subject: Update on Environmental Compliance Plan/Environmental Surcharge Filing Status of Kentucky's Electric Utilities

Importance: Normal

Gentlemen & Lindsay,

For your information, and by way of letting you know where Big Rivers stands relative to the state's other electric utilities, Duke advises me that they will be filing their ECP/ES "as soon as the ink is dry on the final mercury rule", which, I believe, is expected this Friday. EKPC is not as far along in their planning process; they've indicated to me that they expect to make their filing in conjunction with their IRP filing, which will take place in April 2012. As you know, both LGE/KU and AEP/KP have already filed their ECP/ES's; LGE/KU several months ago and AEP/KP very recently.

Given the comments made by the Commission in their report on our IRP, wherein they state "Staff does have concerns regarding (Big Rivers' EPA) compliance planning that relate(s) to the timeliness of Big Rivers' planning decisions and the comprehensive nature of its planning", I think it behooves us to have our filing ready either before EKPC files or shortly thereafter.

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