COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC |) | CASE NO. |
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| CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL TO ISSUE EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS |) | 2012-00119 |
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ORDER

On May 10, 2012, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. ("KIUC") filed a motion requesting the Commission amend the procedural schedule in this case to permit KIUC to file testimony or written comments on or before May 18, 2012. KIUC notes that Big Rivers Electric Corporation's ("Big Rivers") responses to KIUC's supplemental data requests were due by May 11, 2012 and that it will review those responses expeditiously in order to file either testimony or written comments by May 18, 2012. KIUC states that it would most likely file comments rather than testimony.

On May 14, 2012, Big Rivers filed a response to KIUC's motion, noting that it does not object to the KIUC's request to amend the procedural to permit KIUC to file written comments. Big Rivers points out, however, that its application requested the Commission issue an order in this matter by May 25, 2012 in order to allow it to close the proposed financing transactions on June 29, 2012. Although it does not object to KIUC's motion, Big Rivers states that it reserves the right to respond to KIUC's comments in the event that it deems a response is necessary to protect either the relief it is seeking or the scheduled closing date.

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that KIUC has established good cause to permit it to amend the procedural schedule. The Commission further finds that Big Rivers should have an opportunity to file rebuttal testimony or comments, if it so wishes, to address any issues raised by KIUC.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. KIUC's motion to amend the procedural schedule is granted.
- 2. The procedural schedule established by our April 4, 2012 Order is amended to the limited extent of allowing KIUC to file testimony or written comments no later than May 18, 2012, and to allow Big Rivers to file rebuttal testimony or written reply comments, if it so chooses, no later than May 22, 2012.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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