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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 10:29 AM
To: 'Dees, Charlie'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Dees:

Thank you for your comments regarding the rate increase proposed by Big Rivers Electric Corp. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2013-00199. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

Thank you again for your interest.

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From: Dees, Charlie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 5:52 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

I'm submitting my request to not approve the rate increase proposed by Big Rivers Power. I strongly believe that power company needs to make some tough business decisions to lower their operating costs even if this requires closing some of their facilities. As I understand the situation they have lost a large industrial customer, and now want to pass along the costs to maintain their current level of equipment that is operating (Boilers, generators, and other auxiliary equipment). This does not appear to be a good business decision, as they should only produce the power required by their current customer base.

Thank you for reading my position and concerns, I trust your committee will make the right choices for the residential and remaining industrial customers.

Regards,
Charlie Dees
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Owensboro, KY
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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 10:29 AM
To: 'ROBERT L FLEGAL'
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Dear Mr. Flegal:

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From: ROBERT L FLEGAL [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 2:57 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2013-00199

I am employed in northern Kentucky across from Indiana. I live in Indiana and recently began realizing my move to Kentucky. This effort was cut short when I discovered the size of the electrical rate increases that were being pushed down on the customers of Big Rivers due to decisions made by them to expand their capacity. Since they have a local monopoly on electrical energy there are no local alternatives.

I have decided to postpone my move until it is determined where this issue finally falls. For those who fallow pro football, COME ON MAN.

Respectfully
Robert Flegal
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Tell City, Indiana 47586

Employed at Domtar in Hawesville, Kentucky

"When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. When the government fears the people, there is liberty." T.J.

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 10:28 AM
To: 'William Lyles'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Lyles:

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From: William Lyles [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 10:03 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

I strongly oppose Big Rivers being allowed to raise our electrical rates to pay for their poor management. Why can't they sell their power in the open market and then if they couldn't make it, they should start closing their poorest producers until they can stay and make a profit.

My wife and I are in our eighties retired living on Soc. Sec. and we are better off than some of the people that I know living in Hancock County. A lot of the elder are having to go with out food or medicine now in order to pay their bills.

Why should we elderly have to support the raise that Big Rivers has asked for when we now are just getting by?

Something has to give, I don't know what is a fair price for power in our area. If the two big Alum Companies can buy their power from the open market why can't we the home owners get together and buy from the open market? Don't make the elderly choose between FOOD-MEDICINE-WARM or COLD HOMES.

Please think about what you are doing to us old folks and vote to NOT allow Big Rivers request.

Thank you for your time:

William H, Lyles
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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Friday, December 06, 2013 10:30 AM
To: 'Myra Stilwell'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Ms. Stilwell:

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From: Myra Stilwell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 2:45 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Case 2013-00199 Public Feedback

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to you as a very concerned citizen regarding the electric rate increase purposed by Big Rivers. Not only do I live in Hancock County I also work there and my children go to school in Hancock County. The rate increase will affect every aspect of my life in one way or another. Of course starting with my home electric bill that would increase. This would take money away from my family on a monthly bases. This is money that would be used for groceries, gas to get me back and forth for work, money that would go towards college tuitions, and money that would had been donated to my church or to the Hancock County High where my daughter attends. I could list a thousand other places/ways that money would be spent, but those are a few examples of the affects from my home electric bill increase. I'm not only concerned about my home electric bill but also my Mother-in-law's electric bill. She is an elderly widow who, without the help of us, would not be able to pay her electric bill. She is dependent on our ability to help her, so if we struggle to pay our bill how do you purpose we help her pay her electric bill? Next I will go to our wonderful local school system, Hancock County Schools. As we all know school systems struggle with budget cuts yearly. An increase on the electric will only hinder the school system's ability to educate our children. The extra money they will spend to supply electricity for the students will cut into the budget and prove to be detrimental to their ability to afford educational tools, raises for teachers, appropriate safety programs, and will lead to the point where extra-curricular activities will be deleted because of lack of funding. If that happens then students will not have a chance to expand their interests in the arts, sports, peer tutoring, and many other wonderful activities that we are fortunate enough to have. Our local and state government officials all speak on the need for better education and how important it is that Kentucky not only do well in education but lead the nation. How do you purpose our wonderful state fulfills that commitment "we" made to our children if the

school systems have to cut the educational budget just to keep the lights on? Finally I will go to my place of employment. I'm blessed to be able to work for a company that is top in their field. With that said they also have to maintain a budget to keep them successful. If my company is strapped by paying a higher electric rate then the company will also be put into a position to where they are going to have to cut cost. This could include raising the amount an employee is out of pocket on their insurance, it could also be lower wage increases, layoffs, and other benefits that the company offers at this time. As you can see this is a circle; the company lays off or doesn't give an increase, meaning less money for the employee who still has to figure out how to pay for the rate increase on their electric bill. Where does it stop?

As with any business it is their responsibility to understand what the demands are for the product they produce. In this case the product is electricity, and the company is Big Rivers. Unfortunately, Big Rivers lost 2 major customers and I'm very sorry for the disruption of their business, but with that being said will the State of Kentucky pass a bill to supplement my company if by chance we lose customers? I'm sure the answer would be a big NO.. Big Rivers is a company who should be accountable for the production of their product and if that means less demand for the product then they have to produce less. I understand this means they may have to lay-off employees or resort to other means to keep their company profitable BUT why would you expect the masses (the working people) to take the fall for a company who is determined not to manage what they have? The problem that Big Rivers is experiencing is hard on the employees and their families and I'm very sorry for them, but there again I can not be responsible to support my family along with theirs. Big Rivers needs to understand this is their issue and they are the ones who has to fix it not me or anyone else who will be burdened by the rate increase.

Please take what I'm saying into consideration and look at the entire picture and not what is sitting in front of you. I am not a billion dollar corporation, but I am a taxpayer who wants you to do the right thing. Make Big Rivers accountable for themselves and figure out what they can do to help themselves and not rely on my dollar to fix it for them.

Thank you for your time

Myra Stilwell, concerned citizen/tax payer