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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 11:21 AM
To: 'Holm, Tom'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Holm:

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: Holm, Tom [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2014 5:09 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

Dear Chairman Armstrong and members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission,

I do not envy you and the heavy burden you carry in deciding the upcoming electrical rate case. You are faced with a situation where two companies have made poor business decisions and, as a result, you are essentially being asked to remove the consequences of the decisions made by both Big Rivers and Century and place them squarely on the shoulders of other local industries and residential customers. These companies are raising the spectre of losing good paying local jobs to pressure you to absolve them of their negligence. There are two questions you need to ask yourselves in making this decision...

- 1) Do you truly believe the claims made by both Big Rivers and Century in how many jobs will be lost if you do not grant this series of rate increases?
- 2) If you do believe them, will the rate increases create less of a hardship on the local community than the losing of those jobs?

If you can answer "yes" to both questions, then a rate increase is warranted. Based on the history of both companies and their predilection to brinksmanship and hyperbole, I would seriously doubt the answer to first question would be yes for either player. As for the second question, I find it unconscionable in thinking that the doubling of electric rates would have less of an impact to other local industries and to residential consumers than the loss of those jobs (if they are truly to be lost). Have you thoroughly considered the potential impact to other jobs in the area when you place these other local industries at such a competitive disadvantage? The needs of the many, outweigh the needs of the few.

Please do not allow these companies to continue to hold the region hostage. It does not matter if it is an individual or a corporation involved, we have to be accountable for our actions and you should not force the rest of us to pay for poor decisions.

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 11:20 AM
To: 'Hoppe, Vance A.'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Hoppe:

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From: Hoppe, Vance A. [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 05, 2014 11:49 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

To whom it may concern,

I am an employee at Domtar for three years now. Prior to working here, I was employed at Century for two years. Unfortunately, in that short time I was able to witness a company run by intimidation and greed, leaving a often disgruntled workforce. Sadly, I never thought I would be faced with the repercussions of Century's short-sighted decisions, after having acquired employment elsewhere. Aside from my own experience, in the recent future we have all heard Century's Plea all the while they are striking deals under the table, out of the public's eye. Subsequently, it is clear their shady motivation. I simply wait for another convenient announcement after such rate increases. Have they bought Coleman station, "saving jobs" while undermining the power market and local economy? Not all are aware of the state in which they left Ravenswood, VA. I am greatly thankful for the other industries in our county that battle the possibility of a similar result here. I must profess my own hierarchy of beliefs in this order God, from which comes our morality, Family, self, work; the latter being replaceable. As I evaluate this particular circumstance, I find little amidst the Century scandal that allows a community respect of these. However, when peace is found, in this regard, the community will fight to support it. At the present, Hancock County is extremely fortunate to have such an array of industry to support a stable economy in an unlikely time. I trust that all officials representing my community will strive toward a sound judgement for a proper decision. My obvious concern stems from the effect the wrong decision will make on my current

place of employment along everyone else's. This will force financial strain and affect each workforce involved, while inflicting yet even more struggle to manage a household budget. Some things in life can be replaced. A society is only as strong as their values. I thank you for considering my perspective.

Thank You,

Vance Hoppe

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 2:35 PM
To: 'Henry Hylton'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. & Ms. Hylton:

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From: Henry Hylton [REDACTED]
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To: PSC - Public Information Officer
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Century Aluminum stated ,that they couldn't stay in buisness here because of the rate they were being charged, they were granted they're request to go on open market for power, in the results Big Rivers is going to lay-off 100+ people and close2 power plants.Big Rivers was granted a pay increase, my electric bill went up 35.00 a month, and now you want to give them another raise? Why does Big Rivers need another pay increase? when they are closing the 2 power plants that supplied power to the Aluminum plants. It's been said in the papers that Century is thinking about buying the 2 power plants, it's amazing that Century can find all this money to buy these plants.It does not justify Big Rivers getting a second pay increase when they are not producing the power!! I strongly feel that they should not get this pay increase. I also feel that the 3 co-ops that are involved should have the right to go on the open market if these increases continue, hope you take into consideration of what has taken place with Big Rivers and the aluminum company, because we the people cannot afford this. Thank you, Henry & Debbie

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
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To: 'Stan Hylton'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

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From: Stan Hylton [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 05, 2014 10:48 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

I'm sending this so I know my voice is heard. If you allow big rivers further increases on rates you're doing nothing but hurting the working class, and fixed income families that are have a hard time surviving now. Century and Big River are showing there true colors now. Strong arming everybody for a free ride. If you continue to allow rate increases your going to effect my job too are you willing to let the company I work for do the same things you allowed century and big River to do.

So to me it looks like you done nothing but making the people in the counties represented by Kenergy To Pay the bill for big Rivers and century to fatten there wallets. I Say this with Family and friends working at both facilities.

So thank you for your time and I hope you understand please don't reward bad management decisions to make other individual suffered a lot of people who should pay the consequences away with nothing.

Thank you
Stanley Hylton
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 11:22 AM
To: 'Payne, Tina'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Ms. Payne:

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From: Payne, Tina [REDACTED]
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To: PSC - Public Information Officer
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I hope that the letters being sent are being read and taken to heart. WHY should I and the other people who use this power be forced into these HUGE increases? Why did I and the other people paying their electric bills get drug into this mess? We did not cause this problem!! Say no to the increase and tell them to work on a plan to deal with their own problems. They have had the only increase they should have (**I didn't agree with that one either but of course it was granted just at a little smaller rate**). A business always has many changes through the years and it is the responsibility of the CEO's and officers of that company to have some foresight or be capable enough to handle unforeseen changes. I work for a company and have for close to 38 years that has went through many struggles but unlike Big Rivers our company had to work through the problems and look for ways to fix the problems and come up with solutions or they would be shut down **not just be able to say oh no big deal pass it down to our other rate payers.**

I am asking you where do we turn to ask for help to make up this difference in our budgets? I know, how about **Big Rivers** fixing their own problems as most businesses do or fire the CEO's and officers and put someone in the office that cares and can make this a profitable company the way most other companies do. Cut back on nonessentials, put a freeze on travel and meetings and meals, increases and any bonus. I am sure if you asked most employees and CEO's and officers of other companies they have had to make cuts, freeze wages, travel, cut meals and raises for everyone not just the workers. How about conference calls instead of travel and the CEO's and officers taking a cut in their pay. Workers trust the CEO's and officers to make the best decisions for them and the company's benefit and in this case **THEY FAILED terribly**. Get rid of them!! As a middle class citizen I am sick of bad decisions becoming more debt and bills for me to pay.

I can't believe this is actually being addressed as the first increase is more than they should have gotten but this second one is going too far. Does anyone think about the elderly and those on fixed income? What should they do set in the dark and keep the heat down and air conditioners up so they are uncomfortable or sick all the time? This reminds me of the greedy scrooge without the good ending.

Stop this insanity now and say NO to this increase - please!!!!!!

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