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Re: Application of Big Rivers Electric  
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We agree that an investigation is needed. We simply no longer have confidence in Big Rivers' management. Because Big Rivers is a non-profit utility with only customer-members and no equity shareholders, it is essential that the Commission get ahead of these management problems before any more decisions are made that would needlessly increase customers rates. A thorough audit is a necessary first step to restore customer confidence in Big Rivers. Therefore, we strongly urge the Commission to order the requested audit.

Cordially,

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