

**Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)**

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**From:** PSC - Public Information Officer  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** 'chris bickett'  
**Subject:** your comments in case number 2013-00413 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. contract with Century Sebree smelter

Dear Mr. Bickett:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Big Rivers Electric Corp. contract with the Century Sebree smelter. 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 2013-00413. 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:** chris bickett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 08, 2014 11:45 AM  
**To:** PSC - Public Information Officer  
**Subject:** Century Sebree smelter case # 2013-00413

I am writing to the KPSC in hopes that you will keep the Century Sebree smelter open and in full operation. The smelter employs 517 people and would be a devastating loss for not only the 517 employees and families affected but for the entire state of Kentucky. This is a small community so when you think that 517 people could possibly lose their jobs, that pretty much effects everyone's family in some way or another. If it's not the employee themselves, it's the spouse or the parent or the brother/sister or the cousin or the uncle/aunt, etc. I would say it would be a fair to say that this would impact not only Henderson County, but all of the surrounding counties and every family to some extent, and would be detrimental to our local and state economies as well as the 517 families whom will be unemployed. The thought of losing your job, especially in this day and age, is unthinkable. When one person loses their job it is a huge upset. When 517 people lose their job, this community would not recover; at least for many, many years, if at all. Thank you for your consideration.

J. Chris Bickett (resident of Union County, KY)

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**From:** Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:47 AM  
**To:** 'Jim Miller'  
**Subject:** your comments in case number 2013-00413 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. contract with Century Sebree smelter

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your comments, which we are treating as public input the case regarding the Big Rivers Electric Corp. contract with the Century Sebree smelter. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. For your reference, the case number in this matter is 2013-00413,. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

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**From:** Jim Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 8:59 PM  
**To:** Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)  
**Subject:** Big Rivers rate case

Dear PSC:

I have been a Big Rivers' employee for 35+ years, based at the Coleman Station for that whole time. My understanding is that Big Rivers' plants were built to satisfy the electricity needs of the nearby smelters and residential customers on a non-profit basis. To my knowledge, we have always run our plants at or about full load, serving those needs.

I am also a part-time farmer. The only way that I have ever been able to make the money I need to farm is to sell a product, whether that be cattle, tobacco, or grain.

It seems to me that Big Rivers needs to sell power to the smelters, not shut down plants and raise rates on their remaining customers. If Big Rivers' CEO and Board of Directors cannot make a deal to accomplish this, then the PSC or Kentucky Legislators need to step-in and take charge.

At our last all-hands meeting, we were told this is a game of chicken, and that Mark Bailey, Big Rivers' CEO, is not going to blink. I do not see how this position is in the best interest of Big Rivers' customers. It also seems to fall well short of excellence, teamwork, integrity, and respect for the employee, all of which are listed as core values of Big Rivers Electric Corporation.

Please, whatever it takes, sell power and do not shut down plants.

James Miller  
Big Rivers' employee and member of Meade County RECC