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From: PSC - Public Information Officer **Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 2:40 PM

To: 'Sangalli, Steve'

Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Sangalli:

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: Sangalli, Steve

Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 10:43 AM

To: PSC - Public Information Officer

Subject: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

PSC,

As a citizen of the City of Owensboro, Ky. who is served by Kenergy & an employee of a major industry which is served by Big Rivers Corp., I am very concerned about the effect that the proposed rate increase will have on the economy of our community. It is disheartening to think that the country's economy is finally starting to recover from the recession but, then be faced with a 20%+ increase in our electric rates which will surely have a major impact on the majority of customers served by the Big Rivers Corporation. Many of the families in the affected communities are of lower income and this rate increase will mean the difference between keeping their families fed & healthy or keeping the power turned on in their homes. So far in all the information that I have read, there has not been much in the way of explaining any detailed plan on how Big Rivers is working towards making their generation plants more reliable & efficient to be able to be competitive in selling their power other than the quick fix of just shutting down plants and loosing many jobs in the community or passing the rate increase on to its customers. Maybe the PSC should step back and take a more cautious approach to this request and insist that Big Rivers submit a detailed plan and give it time to work before approving any rate increase.

The PSC needs to remember that their decision is not just affecting Big Rivers Corp., it is affecting the economy of all the communities that they serve.

Thanks,

Stephen Sangalli Sr. Project Engineer



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From: PSC - Public Information Officer **Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2014 2:40 PM

To:

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Dear Ms. Willett:

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From:

Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 5:14 PM To: PSC - Public Information Officer

Subject: Case 2013-00199 Big Rivers Second Rate Increase

I would like to submit a further comment on the second rate increase requested by Big Rivers Corporation.

I suppose because of the bitterly cold weather we are experiencing at this time, we are well aware that the meter is ticking as we attempt to keep warm and survive without harm under these extreme weather conditions.

Most publicity indicates that a \$25 or \$30 per month increase could be given (depending on usage). This is to make up for a tremendous loss of income by Big Rivers Corporation when another customer leaves in January. I view this as a tax on customers of Big Rivers. How often are taxes rescinded after they are in place? Who will monitor the decisions made by Big Rivers if this increase is granted? Will the same management be in place, and do they intend to reduce debt, sell assets, and cut expenses? Or will they come back to the Public Service Commission and their customers for another rate increase?

As before, please take a hard look at this request for a huge increase and consider the rural customers who will bear this burden.

Helen E. Willett 3665 State Route 666 Morganfield, KY 42437