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Via Overnight Mail

September 26, 2016

Ms. Talina R. Matthews, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Re: Case No. 2016-00306

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Please find enclosed the original and ten (10) copies of KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC. FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION (PUBLIC VERSION) for filing in the above-referenced matter. I also enclose the CONFIDENTIAL PAGES to be filed under seal.

The information filed under seal is information that Big Rivers sought confidential treatment through a Petition for Confidential Treatment dated August 5, 2016. KIUC redacted this information in order to protect Big River's interests in keeping this information confidential.

By copy of this letter, all parties listed on the Certificate of Service have been served. Please place this document of file.

Very Truly Yours,



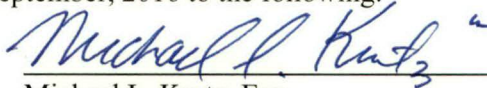
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cc: Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail (when available) and by regular, U.S. mail, unless other noted, this 26st day of September, 2016 to the following:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael L. Kurtz", is written over a horizontal line.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF: FILING OF AGREEMENT FOR THE
PURCHASE AND SALE OF FIRM CAPACITY AND ENERGY
BETWEEN BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION AND THE
KENTUCKY MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY

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**KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC.'s
FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS
TO
BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION
(PUBLIC VERSION)**

Dated: September 26, 2016

DEFINITIONS

1. "Document(s)" is used in its customary broad sense and includes electronic mail and all written, typed, printed, electronic, computerized, recorded or graphic statements, memoranda, reports, communications or other matter, however produced or reproduced, and whether or not now in existence, or in your possession.
2. "Correspondence" is used in its customary broad sense and includes electronic email, including all attachments, and all written mail, messages and communications between the persons or parties named in the request.
3. "Study" means any written, recorded, transcribed, taped, filmed, or graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, either formally or informally, a particular issue or situation, in whatever detail, whether or not the consideration of the issue or situation is in a preliminary stage, and whether or not the consideration was discontinued prior to completion whether preliminary or final, and whether or not referred to in Big Rivers' direct testimony.
4. If any document requested herein was at one time in existence, but has been lost, discarded or destroyed, identify such document as completely as possible, including the type of document, its date, the date or approximate date it was lost, discarded or destroyed, the identity of the person (s) who last had possession of the document and the identity of all persons having knowledge of the contents thereof.
5. "Person" means any natural person, corporation, professional corporation, partnership, association, joint venture, proprietorship, firm, or the other business enterprise or legal entity.
6. A request to identify a natural person means to state his or her full name and residence address, his or her present last known position and business affiliation at the time in question.
7. A request to identify a document means to state the date or dates, author or originator, subject matter, all addressees and recipients, type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum, telegram, chart, etc.), number of code number thereof or other means of identifying it, and its present location and custodian. If any such document was, but is no longer in the Company's possession or subject to its control, state what disposition was made of it.
8. A request to identify a person other than a natural person means to state its full name, the address of its principal office, and the type of entity.
9. "And" and "or" should be considered to be both conjunctive and disjunctive, unless specifically stated otherwise.
10. "Each" and "any" should be considered to be both singular and plural, unless specifically stated otherwise.
11. Words in the past tense should be considered to include the present, and words in the present tense include the past, unless specifically stated otherwise.
12. "You" or "your" means the person whose filed testimony is the subject of these interrogatories and, to the extent relevant and necessary to provide full and complete answers to any request, "you" or "your" may be deemed to include any person with information relevant to any interrogatory who is or was employed by or otherwise associated with the witness or who assisted, in any way, in the preparation of the witness' testimony.
13. "BREC" or "Big Rivers" means Big Rivers Electric Corporation and/or any of their officers, directors, employees, or agents who may have knowledge of the particular matter addressed.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. If any matter is evidenced by, referenced to, reflected by, represented by, or recorded in any document, please identify and produce for discovery and inspection each such document.
2. These interrogatories are continuing in nature, and information which the responding party later becomes aware of, or has access to, and which is responsive to any request is to be made available to Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers. Any studies, documents, or other subject matter not yet completed that will be relied upon during the course of this case should be so identified and provided as soon as they are completed. The Respondent is obliged to change, supplement and correct all answers to interrogatories to conform to available information, including such information as it first becomes available to the Respondent after the answers hereto are served.
3. Unless otherwise expressly provided, each interrogatory should be construed independently and not with reference to any other interrogatory herein for purpose of limitation.
4. The answers provided should first restate the question asked and also identify the person(s) supplying the information.
5. Please answer each designated part of each information request separately. If you do not have complete information with respect to any interrogatory, so state and give as much information as you do have with respect to the matter inquired about, and identify each person whom you believe may have additional information with respect thereto.
6. In the case of multiple witnesses, each interrogatory should be considered to apply to each witness who will testify to the information requested. Where copies of testimony, transcripts or depositions are requested, each witness should respond individually to the information request.
7. The interrogatories are to be answered under oath by the witness(es) responsible for the answer.
8. Responses to requests for revenue, expense and rate base data should provide data on the basis of Total Company as well as Intrastate data, unless otherwise requested.

**FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS OF KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC.
TO BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION
Case No. 2016-00306**

- Q.1-1. Given that Wilson has the lowest fuel costs on the Big Rivers system, please explain how the KyMEA Agreement is expected to affect the fuel adjustment clause (FAC). Please provide an estimate of the incremental change in the FAC expected as a result of the KyMEA Agreement.
- Q.1-2. Please explain and identify any expected changes to the environmental surcharge as a result of the KyMEA Agreement.
- Q.1-3. Currently, Big Rivers is recovering the entire fixed cost revenue requirement of Wilson in member rates (except depreciation which is being deferred). Beginning June 2019, Big Rivers will receive a Monthly Reservation Charge at a Firm Capacity Price of [REDACTED]. Please explain how and when Big Rivers intends to reduce member rates as a result of the KyMEA Agreement.
- Q.1-4. The annual depreciation expense on Wilson that is currently being deferred is approximately \$20 million.
- a. Please identify the amount currently in the deferral balance.
 - b. In June 2019, how much is projected to be in the deferral balance.
 - c. If in June 2019 Big Rivers were to write-off the deferral balance and take a one-time reduction to earnings, please estimate Big Rivers' total Margins and Equities and equity ratio.
 - d. Under its debt agreements, what is Big Rivers' minimum equity ratio.
- Q.1-5. With respect to Exhibit B to the KyMEA Agreement dealing with the [REDACTED] please answer the following.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Q.1-6. Please provide all correspondence among and between Big Rivers and its outside auditors regarding the Wilson deferral.

Respectfully submitted,



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