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Dr. Talina R. Mathews  
Executive Director  
Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: *In the Matter of Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for an Order Declaring the Construction of Seven Solar Power Facilities to be Ordinary Extensions of Existing Systems in the Usual Course of Business*, Case No. 2016-00409

Dear Dr. Mathews:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") are an original and ten copies of: (i) Big Rivers' responses to the Public Service Commission Staff's Initial Request for Information; and (ii) a petition for confidential treatment. I certify that on this date, a copy of this letter, a copy of the responses, and a copy of the petition were served on all parties of record by first class mail.

Sincerely,

Tyson Kamuf  
Counsel for Big Rivers Electric Corporation

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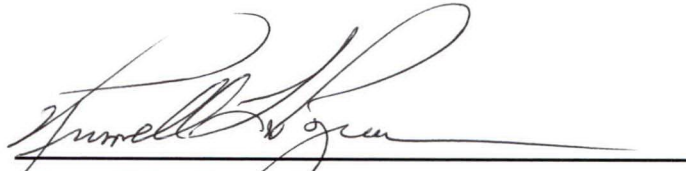
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Russell L. (Russ) Pogue, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

  
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Russell L. (Russ) Pogue

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )  
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me by Russell L. (Russ) Pogue on  
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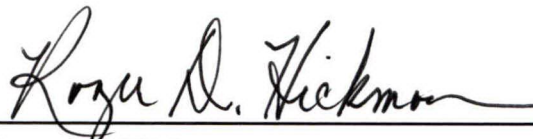
  
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I, Roger D. Hickman, verify, state, and affirm that the data request responses filed with this verification for which I am listed as a witness are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.



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Roger D. Hickman

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY**

**In the Matter of:**

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1 **Item 1)** *Refer to the Application, paragraph 7, which states, "There*  
2 *will be a total of approximately 360 panels, each with a capacity of about*  
3 *300 to 350 watts (dc)." Also refer to the diagrams in the Application,*  
4 *Exhibit D. Confirm that Big Rivers is planning to install only panels that*  
5 *are 315 watts, as shown in Exhibit D.*

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7 **Response)** Yes, Big Rivers is planning to install panels rated at 315 watts (dc).

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10 **Witness)** Russell L. Pogue

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1 **Item 2)** *Refer to the Application, paragraph 8, regarding the land*  
2 *leases for each of the seven solar facilities ("Solar Facilities"). Also refer*  
3 *to the Direct Testimony of Russell L. Pogue ("Pogue Testimony"),*  
4 *regarding descriptions of the property at each proposed facility.*

5

6 **a.** *Provide the site selection criteria Big Rivers considered for the*  
7 *Solar Facilities.*

8 **b.** *Provide the status of the lease for each of the seven sites,*  
9 *stating whether the lease has been executed. For leases that*  
10 *have been executed, provide a copy of the executed land lease.*

11

12 **Response)**

13 **a.** Big Rivers asked its Member Cooperatives to nominate their own  
14 currently owned sites or to work with local government authorities  
15 within their respective service areas to select public sites with  
16 visibility and access.

17 **b.** All of the lease agreements are in the final stages of negotiation, and  
18 none of the leases has been executed at this time. Big Rivers will  
19 provide the leases once they are executed.

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22 **Witness)** Russell L. Pogue

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1 **Item 3)**     *Refer to the Application, paragraph 10.*

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3           *a. Provide an update to the status of Big Rivers' application for a*  
4           *Rural Energy for America Program grant. If a decision has*  
5           *not been made, provide a date for when a decision is expected.*

6           *b. Explain whether the proposed project will continue if Big*  
7           *Rivers does not receive the grant.*

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9 **Response)**

10           a. The Rural Energy for America Program ("REAP") funds renewable  
11           energy and energy efficiency projects. The REAP grant pays 25% of  
12           the total costs for installation of approved projects. Big Rivers'  
13           application is approximately 60% complete. The remaining elements  
14           to be completed are listed below.

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16                   i. A Feasibility Study is a required component for renewable  
17                   energy projects over \$200,000 in total costs. Big Rivers has  
18                   retained an engineer with previous Feasibility Study  
19                   experience.

20                   ii. A Technical Report will combine information provided in the  
21                   Feasibility Study with the vendor proposal, equipment used,

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1 and environmental benefits together to describe the complete  
2 project.

3 iii. The last steps are final assembly of all required grant  
4 components and submittal of the grant application to the  
5 United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") before the  
6 March 31, 2017, deadline for 2017 fiscal year funding.

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8 The REAP grant application is still in development and has yet to be  
9 submitted. Once filed, there is no deadline for a USDA decision to  
10 award the grant request.

11 b. Should the USDA deny the REAP grant application, Big Rivers  
12 would reevaluate whether to proceed with the project.

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15 **Witness)** Russell L. Pogue

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1 **Item 4) Refer to the Application, paragraph 10. Explain in detail how**  
2 **Big Rivers determined that the proposed Solar Facilities will not result in**  
3 **any increased charges to Big Rivers' Members.**

4

5 **Response)** From the initial conversations among Big Rivers and its Members,  
6 Big Rivers agreed to underwrite the initial costs of the Solar Facilities and the  
7 REAP grant will reduce these costs even further. Big Rivers' REAP grant  
8 application is mentioned in Item 3 of these responses. There is currently no  
9 intention to pass these initial costs along to Big Rivers' Members.

10 Once operational, Big Rivers will meter and deliver the energy  
11 produced by the solar arrays to the distribution facilities of its Members. The  
12 energy will be billed to the Members Cooperatives under Big Rivers' Standard  
13 Rate Schedule – Rural Delivery Service (“the RDS Tariff”) currently on file with  
14 the Commission. That energy will replace energy that Big Rivers would have  
15 otherwise provided from other sources.

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18 **Witnesses)** Russell L. Pogue and

19 Roger D. Hickman

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1 **Item 5)** *Refer to the Application, paragraph 11.*

2

3 *a. Provide any questions or inquiries from either Big Rivers'*  
4 *Members or Members' end-use customers concerning solar*  
5 *projects.*

6 *b. Provide any educational materials that will be available to*  
7 *retail customer and members of the public.*

8

9 **Response)**

10 a. The inquiries referenced in the Application, paragraph 11 involved  
11 questions about how solar works, interconnection, safety, costs, and  
12 availability of utility-scale or community solar. The answers to many  
13 of these questions will be readily available once the solar arrays are  
14 complete, and can be viewed by the Members' customer and the  
15 general public.

16 b. Big Rivers is in the initial stages of developing informational  
17 websites that describe the Solar Facility sites and the components of  
18 photovoltaic generation. Please see Big Rivers' response to Item 9 of  
19 these information requests.

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21 **Witness)** Russell L. Pogue

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1 **Item 6)**     *Refer to the Application, paragraph 13.*

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3           *a. Big Rivers states that its Members will decide how to offer the*  
4           *power to their retail customers. Explain the options Big*  
5           *Rivers' Members have in offering the power to their retail*  
6           *customers.*

7           *b. If Big Rivers' Members choose to offer the solar power to their*  
8           *retail customers, explain how the Members will know how*  
9           *much energy was generated by the solar panels if it is not*  
10           *separately shown on the bill from Big Rivers.*

11           *c. Explain how the energy produced by the solar panels will be*  
12           *allocated to Big Rivers' Members.*

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14 **Response)**

15           a. Big Rivers will provide the energy from the Solar Facilities to its  
16           Members under Big Rivers' RDS Tariff. The Members may then  
17           provide the energy to their retail members under any of their  
18           applicable rate structures including the Member Cooperatives'  
19           respective renewable energy service riders.

20           b. Big Rivers will meter the energy produced at each solar array. The  
21           amount of that metered energy will appear on each Member's  
22           respective monthly billing. That information will be available

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1           publically through the webpages described in Big Rivers' response to  
2           Item 9 of these information requests.

3           c. Energy will be allocated to the Member Cooperatives based on  
4           metered production of each solar array interconnected with the  
5           individual cooperative distribution system. So, for example, Meade  
6           County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation's monthly billing for  
7           rural delivery will include the metered energy from the solar arrays  
8           in Brandenburg, Kentucky, and in Hardinsburg, Kentucky. The  
9           metered energy from these locations would not appear on the other  
10          Members' monthly bills.

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13   **Witness)**   Russell L. Pogue

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1 **Item 7)** *Refer to the Application, paragraph 25. Provide the basis for*  
2 *the estimated \$500 annual cost of operation for each array.*

3

4 **Response)** As part of its proposal, Harvest Energy Solutions has offered Big  
5 Rivers an annual O&M agreement for all seven arrays at a cost of \$2,450 per year.  
6 This O&M plus estimated insurance and taxes for the installations brings the  
7 annual costs to about \$3,500, or about \$500 per site.

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1 **Item 8)**     *Refer to the Pogue Testimony, page 6, lines 4-13.*

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3           *a. Explain in detail why Big Rivers decided to sell the power*  
4           *generated by the proposed project under its existing Standard*  
5           *Rate Schedule – Rural Delivery Service, rather than a special*  
6           *tariff or the Standard Rate Schedule – Large Industrial*  
7           *Customer.*

8           *b. Provide a comparison of the estimated cost per kilowatt-hour*  
9           *for the proposed solar facilities and the existing Standard*  
10           *Rate Schedule - Rural Delivery Service.*

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12 **Response)**

13           a. As stated in paragraph 11 of Big Rivers' application, Big Rivers and  
14           its Members primarily developed these Solar Facilities to serve as  
15           education and demonstration projects. As such, they will allow Big  
16           Rivers, its Members, the Members' retail customers, students  
17           attending Livingston County Middle School and McCracken County  
18           High School, and the general public to increase their knowledge and  
19           understanding of solar power facilities. Moreover, as noted on pages  
20           6-7 of Mr. Pogue's Direct Testimony, these Solar Facilities will show

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1 the various components of solar arrays and how they operate to  
2 produce and deliver electricity.

3 As currently designed by Harvest Energy in conjunction with  
4 Big Rivers and its Members, each of these Solar Facilities will  
5 directly interconnect with each Member's respective distribution  
6 system. As such, they differ from the higher voltage interconnections  
7 generally used to serve those customers served under Standard Rate  
8 Schedule – Large Industrial Customer (“the LIC Tariff”). Big Rivers  
9 and its Members currently serve 21 customers under Big Rivers’ LIC  
10 Tariff. Most of these customers’ monthly energy usage ranges from a  
11 few hundred thousand kWhs to a few million kWhs.

12 Finally, the inquiries Big Rivers and its Members have  
13 received about solar have been overwhelmingly from retail customers  
14 served by Big Rivers’ RDS Tariff. Given the distribution level inter-  
15 connection for the solar arrays, the kWh energy expected from these  
16 arrays versus the kWh usage by industrial customers, and the  
17 primary inquiries from non-industrial retail customers, Big Rivers  
18 elected to sell this power under its RDS Tariff.

19 b. Based upon a twenty-five (25) year, projected analysis of the  
20 generation from, and the costs related to, the seven (7) solar facilities,

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1           the average cost per kWh estimate is \$0.285947.<sup>1</sup> Using the year one  
2           projected kW demand and kWh generation for those facilities, and  
3           applying the existing RDS Tariff kW and kWh factors, plus  
4           additional billing factors for the Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"),  
5           Environmental Surcharge ("ES"), and the Non-FAC PPA, yields a  
6           projected year one kWh charge of \$ 0.075904.<sup>2</sup>

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                  Roger D. Hickman (*a. only*)**

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<sup>1</sup> Using currently projected initial project costs of \$427,303 (*excluding any REAP grant*), projected 25-year kWh sales of 3,857,635 and total projected 25-year cost of \$1,103,077.83, which includes \$491,002.60 depreciation, \$400,860.33 interest, \$145,414.90 O&M per contract, and \$65,800.00 replacement/upgrade cost (inverters and meters) and contract renewal.

$$\frac{\$1,103,077.83}{3,857,635 \text{ kWhs}} = \$0.285947 \text{ per kWh}$$

<sup>2</sup> Using projected year-one demand of 271 kW and year-one energy of 165,704 kWhs. Applies RDS Tariff demand charge of \$13.8050 per kW and energy charge of \$0.045000 per kWh. Additionally, applies August 2016 billing month factors - FAC = \$0.000141 per kWh; ES = 10.442367%, and Non-FAC PPA = \$0.001009 per kWh.



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1 **Item 9)** *Refer to the Pogue Testimony, page 6, line 17, through page 7,*  
2 *line 4. Provide a screen shot of the on-line information that can be viewed*  
3 *by a customer or a student.*

4  
5 **Response)** Big Rivers is in the initial phase of developing the Web pages. These  
6 Web pages will discuss components of solar generators, operation of solar  
7 generation, and actual production of each array using the lotus energy L-Gate 120  
8 Solar Monitoring System. Information on the L-Gate Monitoring System is  
9 available at:

10 <http://locusenergy.com/solutions/residential>

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1 **Item 10)** *Refer to the Pogue Testimony, page 8, lines 1- 10.*

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3 *a. Explain in detail the process Big Rivers used to select the*  
4 *vendor to construct the project.*

5 *b. Provide a list of bidders and a copy of any report prepared in*  
6 *order to evaluate and select the vendor.*

7

8 **Response)**

9 a. Attached is the evaluation methodology, published as part of the  
10 RFP, used to select the winning proposal. Four contractors were  
11 initially invited to bid. These invitations were based on  
12 recommendations from Generation and Transmission cooperatives in  
13 the region and solar vendors' experience designing and installing  
14 systems in the area.

15 Each vendor interested in submitting a proposal was required  
16 to attend pre-bid site visits to each selected site. Ultimately, three  
17 proposals were received by Big Rivers.

18 b. Attached is a REDACTED award recommendation for the project  
19 with the list of vendors who bid the project. Pursuant to its  
20 Corporate Purchasing Guidelines and Corporate Purchasing Policy,  
21 Big Rivers is providing the UNREDACTED award recommendation  
22 with a Petition for Confidential Treatment.

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- 2.12. The evaluation methodology that will be used to identify the winning bid includes, but is not limited to the following four elements: the Non-Responsiveness Test, the Price Evaluation, Qualification/Certification Evaluation, and the Technical Evaluation. The purpose of each element and the process employed in each are described in the following sections.
- 2.12.1. Non-Responsiveness Evaluation: The Non-Responsiveness Evaluation is designed to identify and eliminate any proposal that has not provided the requested information in a proper format to allow an equitable evaluation to occur or that does not meet the requirements set forth in this RFQ. A bid deemed non-responsive by Big Rivers may be rejected. Bidders are subject to disqualification for such things as failure to submit the proposal on or before the designated time and date. Big Rivers Electric Corporation may, in its discretion, disqualify a bid and drop it from further consideration for failure to submit a complete proposal in the form required or failure to provide additional supporting documentation or any clarification that may be requested by Big Rivers subsequent to the submission of the proposal.
- 2.12.2. Price Evaluation: The Price Evaluation is designed to identify and eliminate bids which are clearly more expensive than other compliant proposals received. This will be accomplished by ranking the bids, as well as the designated options, against each other according to price. Preliminary estimates of production cost effects, operation and maintenance costs, and other pertinent costs will be made and added to each proposal for evaluation purposes. The evaluation will also include an estimate of the negative impact of deviations or exceptions, if any, to the terms and conditions in the proposed Contract or in other agreements contemplated to be entered into. Big Rivers expects the bid to contain an early payment discount structure which terms will also be part of the evaluation.
- 2.12.3. Qualification/Certification Evaluation: The Qualification/Certification Evaluation is designed to identify and eliminate bids that clearly demonstrate a lack of understanding or an inability to meet the intended Specification for this project. Big Rivers Electric Corporation requires all on-site contractors to complete the Contractor Certification process before any on-site work is awarded. Therefore, a winning Bidder will, among other things, submit or confirm on file the completed and fully executed General Services Agreement, and safety rules, and will agree that all site workers will be in compliance with the CSCAP Program and any site specific safety requirements which will apply to all work.
- 2.12.4. Technical Evaluation: The Technical Evaluation will consist of a comprehensive review that considers a number of price and non-price factors. The goal of the Technical Evaluation is to determine the options that best meet the needs of Big Rivers for this project and technical options which improve the facility's overall cost, reliability and availability. Some of the technical concerns include the following criteria:
- a) Execution Plan and Project Team: Ability to meet Schedule, Provide relevant resources
  - b) Bidder's experience with similar sized systems (please provide examples and references)
  - c) Solar Panel Maintenance and Reliability History
  - d) Length and Securitization of Warranty/Guarantees
  - e) Life Cycle Costs, including maintenance requirements



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**AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

Date: October 28, 2016

To: File

From: Rob Toerne

RE: Photovoltaic Solar Arrays to be Located at Member-Owner Determined Properties - Request for Proposal #16014

Therefore, this Award Recommendation seeks approval to issue a purchase order to provide and install photovoltaic solar generation demonstration systems at locations determined by the Member Owners.

Discussion of Bid Evaluation

Request for Proposal #16014 was issued to three proven solar photovoltaic contractors. The specification defined locations, minimum equipment requirement, operational characteristics, and installation parameters of solar arrays at seven locations ranging from 10 kW to 30 kW. All proposals were thoroughly evaluated. Each of the bidders proposed systems and services that met the specification with minimal and non-material expectations or clarifications. Levelized costs for each of the bidder's proposals are summarized in the table below:

<b>Harvest Energy</b>	
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Harvest Energy, as the low bidder, was further studied by Big Rivers and National Renewable Cooperative Organization (NRCO) staff for compliance to the specification, comparison to other cooperative solar projects around the country. Additionally, discussions were held with Harvest Energy to understand, clarify, and negotiate any expectations taken to the specification. All clarifications have been determined to be non-financial and of minimal risk to the project.

Award Recommendation

Supplier: Harvest Energy

Scope of Award: Provide Photovoltaic Solar Arrays as per Big Rivers' Request for Proposal #16014 and Harvest ES's September 23, 2016 proposal as clarified by an October 13, 2016 email to Rob Toerne and Russ Pogue.

Value of Award:



(Additional options or changes may add cost should any of the individual Member Cooperatives select any customizations such as specific paint schemes, signage, site specific underlayment, or structural modifications based on the geo-tech surveys.)

RFQ Background: Bids were requested from the following suppliers:

a. Harvest Energy



The project is based on the lowest evaluated bid and is within budget and plan.

Approval

In accordance with the Corporate Policies and Procedures, please indicate your agreement with the Award Recommendation by signing below and return the fully executed document Robert Toerne.

Rob Toerne, Director Supply Chain

Russ Pogue, Manager, Member Relations

Mark Eacret, VP Energy Services

**Big Rivers Electric Corporation**  
**Purchase Order Award Recommendation for #16014**

Component	Harvest
Base Price Arrays	
Geo-Tech Survey	
Performance Bond	
Permitting Cost	
PE Stamp	
Other Cost (Met. Station)	
Total	

\* Requested bidder to provide the cost for a KY PE stamp as per spec. Bidder remained silent on requirement.

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1 **Item 11)** *Refer to the Pogue Testimony, page 8, lines 8- 10.*

2

3 **a.** *Confirm that the final contract with Harvest Energy Solutions*  
4 *has not been executed.*

5 **b.** *Confirm that the contract will be not executed unless and*  
6 *until the Commission approves.*

7

8 **Response)**

9 **a.** The final contract with Harvest Energy Solutions has not been  
10 executed.

11 **b.** A final contract with Harvest Energy Solutions will not be executed  
12 unless and until the Commission issues an Order either granting a  
13 certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") for the  
14 projects, or declaring that the projects are extensions in the normal  
15 course of business and, therefore, require no CPCN.

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18 **Witness)** Russell L. Pogue

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1 **Item 12)** *Refer to page 9, lines 1-7. Provide the total capacity of the*  
2 *solar arrays in MW in alternating current after inverter losses.*

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4 **Response)** The maximum output capacity from the combined seven solar arrays  
5 is .0984 MW in alternating current after inverter losses.

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8 **Witness)** Russell L. Pogue

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1 **Item 13)** *Provide any estimates or studies that support the 4-6 month*  
2 *timetable for construction of the Solar Facilities.*

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4 **Response)** Attached hereto are the individual timelines for the seven solar array  
5 sites in the proposal provided by Harvest Energy Solutions. The timelines may  
6 compress as weather permits. An additional eight weeks was added to the  
7 proposed schedule to allow for material acquisition and site preparation following  
8 the issuance of the Commission's Order.

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11 **Witness)** Russell L. Pogue

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# Construction Timelines

## McCracken County High School Site

Construction Day: 2 - 16

- Site Layout
- Foundation Construction
- Racking Construction
- Panel Installation
- Wire installation
- Installing Electrical Components
- Trench & lay conduit to interconnection point
- Fence Installation

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# Construction Timelines

## Mike Miller Park Site (Benton, KY)

Construction Day: 18 - 32

- Site Layout
- Foundation Construction
- Racking Construction
- Panel Installation
- Wire installation
- Installing Electrical Components
- Trench & lay conduit to interconnection point

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# Construction Timelines

## Livingston County Middle School Site

Construction Day: 33 - 47

- Site Layout
- Foundation Construction
- Racking Construction
- Panel Installation
- Wire installation
- Installing Electrical Components
- Trench & lay conduit to interconnection point

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# Construction Timelines

## Kenergy's Hendeson Office Site

Construction Day: 48 - 62

- Site Layout
- Foundation Construction
- Racking Construction
- Panel Installation
- Wire installation
- Installing Electrical Components
- Trench & lay conduit to interconnection point

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# Construction Timelines

## Kenergy's Owensboro Office Site

Construction Day: 63 - 77

- Site Layout
- Foundation Construction
- Racking Construction
- Panel Installation
- Wire installation
- Installing Electrical Components
- Trench & lay conduit to interconnection point

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# Construction Timelines

## Meade County RECC's Hardinsburg Office Site

Construction Day: 78 - 92

- Site Layout
- Foundation Construction
- Racking Construction
- Panel Installation
- Wire installation
- Installing Electrical Components
- Trench & lay conduit to interconnection point
- Install Guard Rail / Bollards



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# Construction Timelines

## Meade County RECC's Brandenburg Office Site

Construction Day: 93 - 107

- Site Layout
- Foundation Construction
- Racking Construction
- Panel Installation
- Wire installation
- Installing Electrical Components
- Trench & lay conduit to interconnection point

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# Construction Timelines

## Construction Days: TBD

- Interconnections – Will be performed by utility and scheduled when they are ready.
- System Check – System will be checked for completion (100% operational) at the time of interconnection.

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1 **Item 14)** *If notice of the locations of the proposed Solar facilities was*  
2 *provided to persons who own property in close proximity to or adjacent to*  
3 *the proposed sites, describe the notice and provide a copy if the notice was*  
4 *written.*

5

6 **a.** *If any meetings were held with property owners, provide a list*  
7 *of attendees and meeting notes.*

8 **b.** *Provide a copy of public comments, if any, that Big Rivers has*  
9 *received regarding the proposed project.*

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11 **Response)** No notice was provided to persons who own property in close  
12 proximity to, or adjacent to, the proposed sites because of the minimal size of each  
13 facility's footprint.

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15 **a.** No meetings were held with owners of property in proximity to the  
16 proposed sites.

17 **b.** Since there have been no public meetings, Big Rivers has received no  
18 public-meeting comments regarding the proposed project.

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21 **Witness)** Russell L. Pogue