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Gwen R. Pinson
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211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Re: *In the Matter of: The Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity*, PSC Case No. 2018-00004 _____

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Enclosed for filing pursuant to 807 KAR 5:120 Section 1 are an original and ten copies of Big Rivers Electric Corporation's notice of intent to file an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, acquire and operate a 345 kV transmission line in Hancock County, Kentucky.

Sincerely,

Tyson Kamuf

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Enclosures

cc: Mike Chambliss

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In the matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)
CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC) Case No.
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY) 2018-00004

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION

1. Big Rivers Electric Corporation (“Big Rivers”), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:120 Section 1, respectfully submits this notice of its intent to file an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CPCN”) to construct, acquire, and operate a 345 kV transmission line section in Hancock County, Kentucky.

2. The name, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address of the applicant are:

Big Rivers Electric Corporation
201 Third Street
P.O. Box 24
Henderson, Kentucky 42419-0024
(270) 827-2561
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807 KAR 5:120 Section 2(a).

3. As part of its 2015 annual congestion study, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”) identified the need for a new single circuit 345 kV transmission line between Vectren’s¹ existing Duff substation, located in southern Indiana, and Big Rivers’ existing Coleman Extra High Voltage (“EHV”) substation located in Hancock County, Kentucky. After a competitive bidding process, MISO selected Republic Transmission, LLC (“Republic”)

¹ “Vectren” is Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc.

1 to develop, construct, own, operate, and maintain the new line. Republic and Big Rivers plan to
2 enter into an agreement relating to the portion of the new line that will be located in Kentucky
3 (the “Kentucky Portion”), under which Big Rivers will provide certain pre-construction services
4 to Republic including acquisition of real estate rights and seeking appropriate regulatory
5 approvals for the Kentucky Portion. Concurrent with energization and turning functional control
6 over to MISO, Big Rivers intends to acquire the Kentucky Portion from Republic consistent with
7 the terms of an asset purchase agreement. Thereafter, Big Rivers will own, operate, and maintain
8 the Kentucky Portion.

9 4. Only the Kentucky Portion of the proposed line will be the subject of Big Rivers’
10 CPCN application. The Kentucky Portion of the line consists of a new approximately 3.3 mile,
11 345 kV transmission line section beginning at the Big Rivers Coleman EHV substation and
12 extending northward to the state line, which is near the Indiana bank of the Ohio River. The
13 purpose of the proposed transmission line is to relieve transmission line congestion in western
14 Kentucky and southern Indiana. The transmission line will be constructed using typical two-pole
15 and three-pole steel structures. 807 KAR 5:120 Section 2(b).

16 5. The proposed transmission line section that will be the subject of Big Rivers’
17 CPCN application will be located entirely within Hancock County, Kentucky. 807 KAR 5:120
18 Section 2(c).

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On this, the 2nd day of January, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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