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December 21, 2012

Sullivan, Mountjoy, Stainback & Miller
Attention: Tyson Kamuf
100 St. Ann Street
P.O. Box 727
Owensboro, Kentucky 42302-0727

Re: Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 7/16/12
PSC Reference – Case No. 2012-00063

Dear Mr. Kamuf:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment filed on July 16, 2012 on behalf of Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information sought to be treated as confidential is contained in Big Rivers' Responses to PSC 1st DR, Item 1; KIUC 1st DR, Items 43 and 44; SC 2nd DR, Item 2-33c; and KIUC Supp DR, item 26b (includes confidential exhibit referred to in Big Rivers Petition dated July 6, 2012).

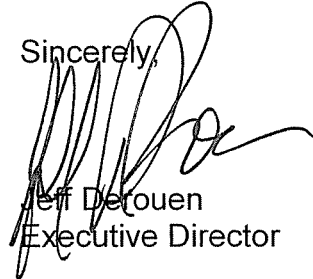
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Big Rivers' competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Big Rivers Electric Corporation is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen", written over the printed name and title.

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record