

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE FILING BY BIG RIVERS)	
ELECTRIC CORPORATION OF ITS)	CASE NO. 99-429
1999 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN)	

O R D E R

On November 22, 1999, Big Rivers Electric Corporation (Big Rivers) submitted a request for an extension of time, from November 22, 1999 to March 22, 2000, in which to file its 1999 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the Commission. Big Rivers cites continued delays by its outside consultant, Burns & McDonnell, in preparing a satisfactory final IRP. Significant changes in the nature of its operations since its last IRP filing are the primary reasons given by Big Rivers for its request.

Big Rivers cites the fact that it no longer operates its own generating facilities, but purchases a large portion of its energy requirements from LG&E Energy Marketing, Inc. It also points to the fact that it no longer provides wholesale power to serve the loads of the large aluminum smelters that historically have accounted for one-third of its system load. For these reasons, Big Rivers asserts that this IRP filing will be unlike its previous IRP filings and, therefore, requires additional time and effort before it can be completed to the satisfaction of Big Rivers management, the management of its three member distribution cooperatives, and the Big Rivers Board of Directors, all of which must approve the IRP before it is filed with the Commission.

After consideration of the request, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds compelling reasons to warrant the extension of time requested by Big Rivers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Big Rivers IRP, which had been scheduled to filed by November 22, 1999, shall be filed on or before March 22, 2000.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director