

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)	
CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)	CASE NO.
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	2007-00177
TO CONSTRUCT A 161 KV TRANSMISSION)	
LINE IN OHIO COUNTY, KENTUCKY)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S NOTICE
OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

Commission Staff gives notice that an informal conference is scheduled on August 3, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Conference Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of discussing Big Rivers Electric Corporation's ("Big Rivers") application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a 161 kV transmission line in Ohio County, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 278.020.

Commission Staff requests that Big Rivers be prepared to answer Staff's questions regarding the application, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. What length of time will be required for the physical construction of the proposed 13-mile transmission line?
2. What is Big Rivers' current target date for applying to the Commission for approval of the "Unwind Transaction"?
3. Paragraph 7, page 4 of the application states that the smelters "will be able to terminate their contemplated new service contracts on relatively short notice."

What amount of notice does Big Rivers anticipate will be included in the new service contracts?

4. The request for the proposed line appears to be totally dependent on the need to export power in the event Big Rivers loses the smelter loads.

a. If there are any other reasons for constructing the proposed line, identify and describe them.

b. Describe the likelihood that either of the smelter loads might be lost under the terms of the smelters' new service contracts.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Rick Bertelson at (502) 564-3940, ext. 260.



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cc: Parties of Record