

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| AN ELECTRONIC EXAMINATION BY THE       | ) |            |
| PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE       | ) |            |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE MECHANISM      | ) | CASE NO.   |
| OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR | ) | 2026-00089 |
| THE SIX-MONTH BILLING PERIOD ENDING    | ) |            |
| JANUARY 31, 2026                       | ) |            |

ORDER

On September 17, 2026, Big Rivers Electric Corporation (BREC) filed a motion requesting that the Commission schedule an informal conference to discuss and clarify key concepts in the case and ensure that BREC's responses fully address Commission Staff's questions and concerns regarding this case.

Having reviewed the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that BREC's motion should be granted. A virtual informal conference is scheduled for September 30, 2026, at 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Commission Staff should contact participants by electronic mail to provide details for joining the conference by video link.

In addition to the issues BREC requested to present at the informal conference, the Commission finds that BREC should respond to the request for information attached as Appendix B to this Order on or before the date set forth therein and be prepared to discuss the same at the informal conference.

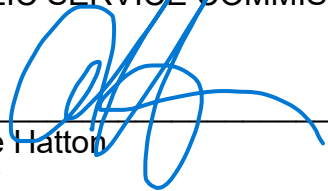
The Commission also find that the procedural schedule issued in this matter on May 11, 2026, should be amended to provide sufficient time for BREC and the Member Cooperatives to request a hearing or submit this case for a decision based on the record.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. BREC's motion for an informal conference is granted.
2. A virtual informal conference is scheduled on September 30, 2026, at 2 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
3. Commission Staff shall contact participants by electronic mail to provide details for joining the conference by video link.
4. BREC shall respond to the request for information attached as Appendix B to this Order on or before the date set forth therein and be prepared to discuss the same at the informal conference.
5. The procedural schedule issued in this matter on May 11, 2026, is amended as set forth in Appendix A in this Order. The remainder of the May 11, 2026 procedural schedule not inconsistent with this Order shall remain in effect.

Entered on this 24th day of September, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
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Barry L. Mayfield  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Justin McNeil  
Executive Director

Case No. 2026-00089

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO 2026-00089 DATED SEP 24 2026

BREC shall file their prepared direct testimony and  
responses to Commission Staff's Fifth Request for  
Information no later than ..... 10/14/2026

Last day for BREC and its Member Cooperatives  
to request a hearing or submit this case  
for a decision based on the record..... 10/28/2026

## APPENDIX B

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO 2026-00089 DATED SEP 24 2026

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S FIFTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Big Rivers Electric Corporation (BREC), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on October 14, 2026. The Commission directs BREC to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

BREC shall make timely amendment to any prior response if BREC obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or,

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which BREC fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, BREC shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, BREC shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 5c. Provide the actual average residential customer's monthly usage for the 12 months ending January 31, 2026. Based on this usage amount, provide the dollar impact of the Nucor contract's impact on the environmental surcharge of \$991,552 would have on the average residential customer's monthly bill for the review period. Provide the response in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows intact and fully accessible.

2. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's Third Request for Information (Staff's Third Request), Item 2. Provide the actual average residential customer's monthly usage for the 12 months ending January 31, 2026. Based on this usage amount, provide the

dollar impact of the Nucor contract's impact on the Member Rate Stability Mechanism (MRSRM) of \$202,358 would have on the average residential customer's monthly bill for the review period. Provide the response in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows intact and fully accessible.

3. Explain the relationship between the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) rates and BREC's environmental surcharge.

4. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's Fourth Request for Information (Staff's Fourth Request), Item 4. Provide support for the \$0.2 million estimate of the margin Nucor provided during the review period.

5. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's Fourth Request, Item 2. Provide an explanation of how the \$814,520 Capital Spend through the review period is accounted for in the Environmental Surcharge.

6. Provide the expected monthly impact the Environmental Surcharge and MRSRM will have on each BREC Cooperative Member's rural and industrial rates in dollars per month at a typical kwh/month usage.

## Service List for Case 2026-00089

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