

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)	CASE NO.
CORPORATION FOR A GENERAL)	2011-00036
ADJUSTMENT IN RATES)	

ORDER

Pursuant to an Order dated November 17, 2011, the Commission granted Big Rivers Electric Corporation (“Big Rivers”) an increase in its wholesale electric base rates of \$26,744,776. The rate increase was effective for service rendered by Big Rivers on and after September 1, 2011. Thereafter, on January 29, 2013, the Commission issued an Order which addressed issues raised on rehearing. The January 29, 2013 Order (“Rehearing Order”) modified the November 17, 2011 Order by authorizing Big Rivers an additional increase in annual revenues of \$1,042,535 above the revenue increase originally granted.¹

For the reasons set forth in the Rehearing Order, the Commission granted the additional increase of \$1,042,535 effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2011. In its Rehearing Order, the Commission approved Big Rivers’ methodology for recovering the difference between the revenue it collected under the rates in effect since September 1, 2011, and the revenue it would have collected had the rates granted in the Rehearing Order been in effect. As part of this approval, the Commission ordered Big Rivers to submit certain information to the Commission no later than February 8, 2013. The Rehearing Order stated that, after verification of Big Rivers’

¹ The Rehearing Order ultimately granted Big Rivers an increase in its wholesale base rates to generate additional revenues totaling \$27,787,311.

calculations, the Commission would issue a final Order which would authorize both the amounts Big Rivers is to collect from its member cooperatives and the length of time over which it would collect those amounts.

Big Rivers' February 8, 2013 filing in response to our Rehearing Order shows that it is due the following amounts related to the retroactive treatment of the additional increase:

Utility	Rate Class	Amount
Meade	Rural	\$269,752.90
Jackson Purchase	Rural	\$374,638.06
Jackson Purchase	Large Industrial	\$20.41
Kenergy	Rural	\$677,363.01
Kenergy	Large Industrial	\$3,830.55
Kenergy	Smelters	\$29,563.68
		<u>\$1,355,168.61</u>

Big Rivers proposes to collect the above amounts by billing one-fifth of the amounts to the appropriate member cooperative each month for the period from March 2013 through July 2013.

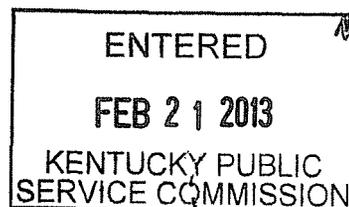
The Commission, after consideration of the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that the amounts submitted by Big Rivers to be billed to its member cooperatives and the time period over which the amounts will be billed should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Big Rivers is authorized to bill its member cooperatives a total of \$1,355,168.61 over the period March 2013 through July 2013 as detailed in its February 8, 2013 filing.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Big Rivers shall file with the Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, new tariff sheets setting forth the details of the billings approved in ordering paragraph 1 above and reflecting their effective date and that they were authorized by this Order.

By the Commission



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