

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S)	
REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO)	CASE NO.
FILE ITS NEXT INTEGRATED RESOURCE)	2013-00034
PLAN)	

ORDER

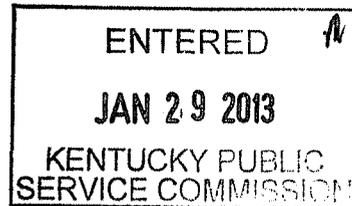
On December 17, 2012, Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers") submitted a letter requesting a one-year extension in which to file its next triennial Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"), which is currently due to be filed by November 15, 2013. In support for its request, Big Rivers notes that Century Aluminum of Kentucky General Partnership ("Century") provided notice that it would terminate its retail power contract with Big Rivers effective August 20, 2013. Given that Century accounts for approximately 32 percent of Big Rivers' peak system demand, Big Rivers states that it intends to file an application for a base rate increase on or before January 15, 2013, principally to address the loss of the Century load.¹ Big Rivers indicates that it has also implemented a plan to mitigate the loss of the Century load, including conducting an investigation into idling one or more of its power plants. As a result of the loss of the Century load, Big Rivers maintains that any load forecasts and assumptions concerning the resources that Big Rivers would utilize to meet its load and load growth are likely to change substantially over the next year. The one-year extension would allow Big Rivers more certainty around its load and resources.

¹ Big Rivers did in fact file its rate application on January 15, 2013.

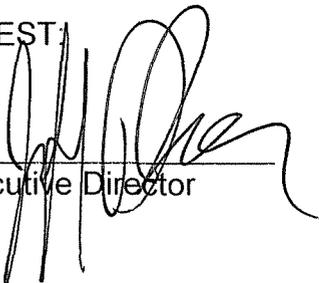
Having reviewed Big Rivers' December 17, 2012 letter, the Commission will treat the letter as a motion to extend the time in which to file its next triennial IRP. The Commission finds that Big Rivers has established good cause to allow it to delay its next IRP filing. However, the Commission finds that a six-month extension, or until May 15, 2014, would provide a reasonable time for Big Rivers to achieve a degree of certainty concerning its load requirements and the resource mix to meet its load.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Big Rivers shall have an extension of six months, or until May 15, 2014, in which to file its next triennial IRP.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

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