

BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION
ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF
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FOR APPROVAL OF SOLAR POWER CONTRACTS
CASE NO. 2020-00183

Response to the Office of the Attorney General's
First Request for Information
dated August 6, 2020

August 14, 2020

1 **Item 43)** *Explain whether the basic terms of all three solar contracts are*
2 *substantially similar. If not, identify all material differences between the*
3 *solar contracts.*

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5 **Response)** The contracts are substantially similar, but there are a few key
6 differences. Please see Big Rivers' responses to Item 10a and Item 10-b for
7 information on the differences in capacity and output. Other differences include:

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9 **Price** – The Meade County Solar and McCracken County Solar contracts are
10 priced at \$27.30/MWh and Big Rivers is responsible for interconnection costs
11 between \$300 thousand dollars and \$1 million dollars. The Henderson Solar
12 contract is priced at \$29.60/MWh and Big Rivers is responsible for 50% of any
13 network upgrade costs up to \$10 million dollars.

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15 **Commercial Operation Date (“COD”)** – The CES projects assume a COD
16 of [REDACTED]. The Henderson Solar project assumes a COD of

17 [REDACTED].

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1 **Location** - The CES projects provide utility scale project pricing over two
2 smaller sites, in Meade County, Kentucky and in McCracken, County
3 Kentucky. The benefits of this approach are discussed on page 12, line 2 of my
4 testimony. The Geronimo, Henderson Solar facility is on one large site on the
5 Henderson/Webster County line.

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7 **Interconnection** – The two CES projects will interconnect at a sub-
8 transmission level. The benefits of this approach are discussed on page12, line
9 2 of my testimony. The Geronimo project will connect directly to a to the Big
10 Rivers' Reid substation.¹

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13 **Witness)** Mark J. Eacret

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¹ See *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Unbridled Solar, LLC For Certificate of Construction of an Approximately 160 Megawatt Merchant Electric Solar Generating facility and Nonregulated Electric Transmission Line in Henderson and Webster Counties, Kentucky*, K.P.S.C. Case No. 2020-00242.