

October 28, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Linda C. Bridwell
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615
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Re: Joint Public Comments of Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation, Kenergy Corp., and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation – *In the Matter of: An Electronic Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Big Rivers Electric Corporation from May 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023* - **Case No. 2024-00149**

Dear Ms. Bridwell:

It has come to our attention that Item 1 of the Commission Staff's Third Request for Information in the above-referenced matter asks Big Rivers Electric Corporation (Big Rivers) to recalculate its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) charges going back to December 2022, assuming that energy sales to one customer (the "Customer"), which are not currently subject to the FAC, had been subject to the FAC.

Big Rivers' three distribution cooperative members believe the FAC charges that Big Rivers passed through were reasonable. The fuel and purchased power costs were reasonable costs incurred by Big Rivers to serve its members. We understand that excluding energy sales to the Customer from the FAC calculation increases the FAC charges to our other retail customers. However, the incentive rates offered to that Customer were reasonable in light of the significant economic impact the Customer will have to Western Kentucky, and the additional benefits that Customer will provide once it begins paying the FAC under the next phase of its contract.

We submit this public comment because we are concerned that the information request indicates a possibility that Big Rivers might be required to refund a portion of the FAC amounts it has charged, which could have a substantial negative impact on Big Rivers' finances. We therefore recommend that the Commission approve the operation of Big Rivers' FAC during the period under review and continue to allow Big Rivers to bill the FAC as it has been.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please feel free to contact any of us should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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