

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATIONS OF BIG RIVERS)	
ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR: (1))	CASE NO.
APPROVAL OF WHOLESALE TARIFF)	2007-00455
ADDITIONS FOR BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC)	
CORPORATION, (2) APPROVAL OF)	
TRANSACTIONS, (3) APPROVAL TO ISSUE)	
EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS, AND (4))	
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO)	
CONTRACTS; AND OF E.ON U.S., LLC,)	
WESTERN KENTUCKY ENERGY CORP. AND)	
LG&E ENERGY MARKETING, INC. FOR)	
APPROVAL OF TRANSACTIONS)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S DATA REQUEST
TO BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("Big Rivers"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before April 7, 2009. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response 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 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.

Big Rivers shall make timely amendment to any prior responses if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any requests to which Big Rivers fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Big Rivers shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied 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.

1. Provide copies of each correspondence since January 1, 2009 between Big Rivers or anyone acting on its behalf and any credit rating agency or anyone acting on the agency's behalf.
2. Provide copies of any credit ratings or drafts of credit ratings issued since January 1, 2009 of Big Rivers' debt.
3. Will Big Rivers proceed to close the Unwind Transaction if it receives one credit rating of its debt that is below investment grade?
4. Explain in detail all ramifications to Big Rivers' future financing plans if the Unwind Transaction closes and Big Rivers has a credit rating below investment grade

from one credit rating agency. Include with the response a discussion of the estimated impact on the interest rate payable by Big Rivers on future debt issuances.

5. Refer to the Transaction Termination Agreement, Section 10.3(ee).

a. Has Big Rivers conducted the necessary tests within 90 days of the date of closing to demonstrate the net output of each generating plant?

b. If no, provide the dates that the tests will be conducted.

c. If yes, provide the date that each plant was tested and the results of each test. For each plant with a tested net output that was less than the MWs specified in Section 10.3(ee), explain in detail the remedial action that will be taken prior to closing the Unwind Transaction to increase the net output to the specified levels and provide the date that each plant will be retested.



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