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PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

Mr. Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**Re:** *Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for Approval of its 2012 Environmental Compliance Plan, for Approval of its Amended Environmental Cost Recovery Surcharge Tariff, for Certificates Of Public Convenience and Necessity, and for Authority to Establish a Regulatory Account – Case No. 2012-00063*

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed Big Rivers Electric Corporation (“Big Rivers”) provides its Sixth Update to its response to Item 1 of the Commission Staff’s Initial Request for Information dated May 21, 2012, in Case No. 2012-00063. Please confirm the Commission’s receipt of this update by placing the Commission’s filestamp on the enclosed additional copy and returning it to Big Rivers in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Hickman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Cc: Albert M. Yockey  
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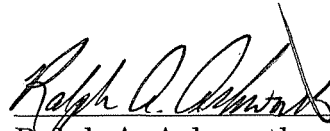
**BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION**

**THE APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF ITS 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN AND  
REVISIONS TO ITS ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR  
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AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT**

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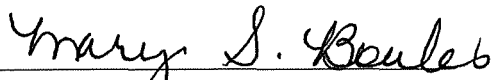
**VERIFICATION**

I, Ralph A. Ashworth, verify, state, and affirm that I prepared or supervised the preparation of the data responses filed with this Verification, and that those data responses are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

  
Ralph A. Ashworth


COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON )

17<sup>th</sup> SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me by Ralph A. Ashworth on this the  
day of September, 2012.

  
Notary Public, Ky. State at Large  
My Commission Expires 8/8/2015

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC )  
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS )  
2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE )  
PLAN, FOR APPROVAL OF ITS AMENDED )  
ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY )  
SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR CERTIFICATES )  
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND )  
NECESSITY, AND FOR AUTHORITY TO )  
ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT )

Case No.  
2012-00063

*Sixth Updated* Response to Item 1  
of the Commission Staff's  
Initial Request for Information  
Dated May 21, 2012

FILED: September 17, 2012

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**BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION**

**APPLICATION OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION  
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN,  
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL COST  
RECOVERY SURCHARGE TARIFF, FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, AND FOR AUTHORITY TO  
ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ACCOUNT  
CASE NO. 2012-00063**

***Sixth Updated* Response to Commission Staff's  
Initial Request for Information  
Dated May 21, 2012**

**June 1, 2012**

***First Update* June 15, 2012**

***Second Update* July 16, 2012**

***Third Update* August 15, 2012**

***Fourth Update* August 20, 2012**

***Fifth Update* September 14, 2012**

***Sixth Update* September 17, 2012**

1 Item 1) *Refer to the Application, page 7, which states that Big Rivers*  
2 *is requesting authority to establish a regulatory account. The Application*  
3 *states, “[a]s explained further in Mr. Hite’s testimony, Big Rivers has*  
4 *incurred costs in developing this Application, and it will incur additional*  
5 *costs to prosecute this case. These costs primarily stem from the retention*  
6 *of experts in the legal, regulatory, and engineering professions.” Provide*  
7 *the actual costs incurred to date by type and vendor. Consider this an*  
8 *ongoing request to be updated by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, to report the prior*  
9 *month’s expense, for each month up to and including the month of the*  
10 *hearing in this case.*

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12 **Response)** Attached hereto is Big Rivers’ September 17<sup>th</sup> update for the costs  
13 incurred in its Environmental Compliance Plan Application.

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15 **Witness)** Ralph A. Ashworth

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**Big Rivers Electric Corporation**  
**Case No. 2012-00063**  
**Cost Incurred To-date for Environmental Compliance Plan Application**  
***Sixth Update* to Big Rivers' Response to Item 1 of**  
**Commission Staff's Initial Request for Information dated May 21, 2012**

| Entity/Vendor  | Amount               | Invoice Number | Invoice Date | Date Paid | Purpose/Type             |
|--|----------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <b>Total Per Response Dated September 14, 2012</b>     | <b>\$ 746,285.51</b> |                |              |           |                          |
| Aces Power Marketing LLC                               | \$ 22,383.84         | 12/5969-IN     | 9/14/2012    | 9/17/2012 | Risk Management Services |
| <b>Total Paid in August through September 14, 2012</b> | <b>\$ 22,383.84</b>  |                |              |           |                          |
| <b>Total To-Date as of September 14, 2012</b>          | <b>\$ 768,669.35</b> |                |              |           |                          |

Note: Per Big Rivers' response to Item 1 of the Staff's Initial Request for Information, dated June 1, 2012, Big Rivers estimated the cost to develop and prosecute this Case at \$900,000.