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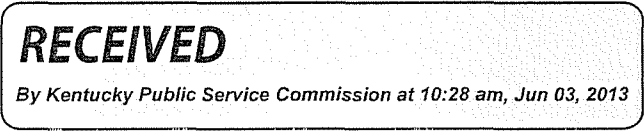
**From:** Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2013 10:19 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** your comments in case number 2012-00535 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for your comments regarding the rate increase proposed by Big Rivers Electric Corp. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's review as it considers this matter. For your reference, the case number in this matter is 2012-00535. Please cite it in any future correspondence regarding this case so that your comments may be readily directed to the case file.

Thank you again for your interest.

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Topic/Subject Desc: Governor - Please Help Western Kentuckians  
Governor Beshear,

More than 110,000 western Kentucky residents and businesses located in 22 counties are facing massive increases in our electric bills in order to cover the loss of almost 70% of Big Rivers Electric Corp's consumer base. They are attempting to pass the costs of unnecessary power plants and power generation on to their remaining customers like me. This is expected to occur through several rate increases, the first of which is to be heard by the Public Service Commission in early July. The first publicly filed rate increase indicates that our electric bills for residential consumers will increase by nearly \$300 more a year - a 23% rate increase!

Governor, this is not a viable option for Kentucky families and businesses already struggling in tough economic times. I ask that you use any options available to you as the leader of the Commonwealth to prevent these enormous rate increases from occurring. Western Kentuckians are simply seeking fair and reasonable utility rates. We are happy to pay for the power generation that we use. Big Rivers should have to do what any other businesses must do when they are faced with market challenges - adapt without forcing their customers to pick up the tab.

Western Kentucky's economic viability is on the line. Our reasonable electric rates are one of the top reasons industries and businesses locate to our region. If we lose that competitive edge, we will see greater job losses and economic decline.

Governor, please do all you can to protect western Kentucky citizens and to help our regional economy prosper. Your voice in this debate is critical and necessary to ensure fair and reasonable electric rates for those served by Big Rivers Electric Corp. D Watson

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