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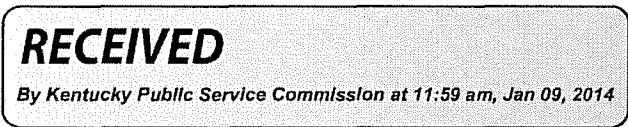
From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:28 AM
To: 'Paul Bloom'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Bloom:

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. As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2013-00199. 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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From: Paul Bloom [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 12:18 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Fwd: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

To the Public Service Commission
Regarding Case 2013-00199:

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed rate increase.

As a member of Kenergy and an employee of Domtar Company in Hancock County I am very concerned about the fairness and the impact of the rate increase. The impact of the increased costs would be a burden to my family, community and region in a difficult economy.

The increase in rates is not fair. I know a utility is involved, but it is hard to comprehend economics in which demand goes down for a given supply, but prices don't go down. Additionally it is not fair that the remaining customers have to pay for the excess capacity that exists because of the smelters.

There seem to be some things that don't add up in this case, but the rate increase does not address root causes.

I am proud and fortunate to work for a company that competes nationally and internationally marketing products derived from a renewable resource. All costs - raw materials, labor, energy, etc. are critical to maintaining competitiveness and staying in business. American manufacturing is challenged on so many fronts including regulations and costs and this has resulted in a steady loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs and impacts to

the economy for quite some time. The pulp and paper industry consists of facilities experiencing a "survival of the fittest" situation due to declining demand. My employer is an important part of the regional economy. Uncompetitive electrical costs will put our local Domtar facility at a critical disadvantage.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Paul Bloom
Lewisport, KY

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:30 AM
To: 'Linn, Kevin'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Linn:

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From: Linn, Kevin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 3:55 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

To whom it may concern:

My name is Kevin Linn. I am an employee at Domtar, a paper and pulp mill in Hawesville, KY. I live in the city of Hawesville and I also serve on the Hawesville City Council. The proposed increase that the PSC is considering will be a huge burden on myself, my coworkers and the citizens of Hawesville and Hancock County.

To begin with, for my employer, Domtar, this cumulative increase (doubling of our electric rates) will put the Hawesville Mill at a disadvantage with our competitors and also would put the Domtar Hawesville Mill as the having the highest electrical rates within the company. Unfortunately, in this global economy, only the most profitable survive. I would like to ask the members of the PSC what would happen if Domtar were to close down the Hawesville Mill. Almost 500 employees would be out of a job with wages averaging over \$24/hr. Would Big Rivers put all of these people to work? What would Big Rivers do if Domtar shut down? Will Big Rivers come to the PSC for another increase?

I'm sure the PSC is aware of the infrastructure of small cities. The city of Hawesville has struggled for years with the water system with deteriorated water lines and is facing an expensive sewer upgrade. An increase in the electric rates will be an added burden to an already strained budget.

Many citizens of Hawesville are elderly and are on a fixed income and cannot absorb another increase. I have children who are living in this area. This means an increase of over \$800/year for their electric bill. Young people just starting out struggle enough as it is without added increases in electrical rates.

Hancock County has an occupational tax that supplements its budget. What would this do to the revenue in the county if Domtar were to shut down? Losing this revenue would be a severe blow to Hancock County. Roads, parks and many services will be affected.

I hope that the PSC has the foresight to acknowledge the certain domino effect that will take place if this proposed rate increase is implemented.

Thank you,
Kevin Linn

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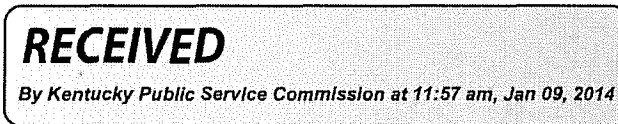
From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 11:29 AM
To: 'Tindall, Brent'
Subject: your comments in case number 2013-00199 - Big Rivers Electric Corp. rates

Dear Mr. Tindall:

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From: Tindall, Brent [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 2:54 PM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Case 2013-00199 public feedback

Dear PSC,

As a concerned worker in Hancock County and Citizen I'm very concerned about the impact these imposed rates can have on the entire area. Grant it, I believe we all realize that rates are going up over time and could possibly understand a 10 to 20% second rate hike if even that high. The company I work for and many other large companys in this area are and have been trying to cut cost just to stay in business, and cant absorb multimillion dollar yearly rate increases.

No one including myself wanted Century to close its doors and impact 1,000's of lives, but to ask everyone to double their rates can be devistating to the entire area. If these rates go up what happens say when a couple other major industries have to close their doors because of costs? Where does it end.

Having majored in Economics in College I can say when you loose an Industry you loose not only say those 500 jobs but also the suppliers, contractors, and venders jobs as well, which can be tenfold. Then there is not need for other small businesses to stay around. Then you loose many tax dollars to a state that is already struggling. You also take money out of the economy which over time lessons the need for certain businesses as well.

Hopefully the right decision and be made and allow this area to grow and not go backwards and be vacant like other places in the US that have had industrys leave.

Many familys are already struggling to make it from paycheck to paycheck and with this its hard to absorb, then add having to possibly now buy health care on top of this, its all a big burden on familys.

Help make the right choice for the future of the Big Rivers Area and keep are costs down for familys and industrys.