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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

RE: Application of Big Rivers Electric  
Corporation for General Rate Adjustment  
Case No. 2013-00199

Commissioners:

I write on behalf of the Eighteen Thousand members of the District 8 - United Steelworkers, which includes employees at a broad range of industries: metals, manufacturing, chemical, transportation, paper, and others throughout western Kentucky. We are concerned with the proposed increase in BREC's power rates both to the industries where our members work and at their homes. I understand that the Attorney General, as well as customer groups have asked the Commission to order a comprehensive management audit of BREC. We believe that a thorough investigation of managements decisions is needed to identify what changes need to be made at BREC to prevent further rate increases, to roll-back the current rate increases, and to make BREC a more accountable and customer responsive utility.

I urge you to use the authority provided to the Commission by the legislature to order an investigation and audit of BREC and its management.

Cordially,

Ernest R. "Billy" Thompson, Director, District 8  
UNITED STEELWORKERS

CC: Bill Londrigan, KY-AFL-CIO

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