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Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Re: <u>Case No. 2013-00221</u>

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find enclosed the original and ten (10) copies of the REPLY OF KIUC TO THE RESPONSES OF BIG RIVERS, KENERGY AND CENTURY TO KIUC'S MOTION TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE for filing in the above-referenced matter.

By copy of this letter, all parties listed on the Certificate of Service have been served. Please place these documents of file.

Very Truly Yours,

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In The Matter of: The Joint Application of Kenergy Corp. and Big Rivers Electric Corporation for Approval of Contracts and For a Declaratory Order Case No. 2013-00221

## REPLY OF KENTUCKY INDUSTRIAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS, INC. TO THE RESPONSES OF BIG RIVERS, KENERGY AND CENTURY TO KIUC'S MOTION TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

On August 7, 2013, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc. ("KIUC") moved the Commission to take administrative notice of the August 6, 2013, pre-filed Testimony of Jorge Vazquez regarding projected increases in LME aluminum prices in 2014 and 2015, on behalf of Ormet Primary Aluminum, in the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Case No. 09-119-EL-AEC. KIUC submits this Reply to the Response of Century Aluminum of Kentucky General Partnership and the Joint Response of Big Rivers Electric Corporation and Kenergy Corp. to KIUC's Motion to Take Administrative Notice.

KIUC has highlighted Mr. Vazquez's Testimony because it is relevant to the question of whether Century is likely to be in a position to contribute to paying for stranded costs. This Testimony reaffirms the positive LME projections that Century presented to the West Virginia Commission<sup>1</sup> in West Virginia PSC Case No. 12-0613-E-PC, but was not submitted to the Kentucky Commission. Mr. Vazquez's projections that the LME will substantially increase were not available at the time that KIUC's pre-filed testimony was submitted or when the Hearing was conducted on July 28, 2013.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Century Aluminum of West Virginia, Inc. Petition for Consent and Approval of a Special Rate for Purchase of Electricity, Case No. 12-0613-E-PC, Order (Oct. 4, 2012) ("WV Order") at 26.

Although the Responses of Big River, Kenergy and Century state that KIUC has had sufficient time to present evidence of future aluminum prices,<sup>2</sup> this is clearly not accurate given the extremely expedited schedule in this case. The Commission is not bound by technical rules of evidence and it is within the Commission's discretion to take administrative notice of Mr. Vazquez's Testimony. KIUC recommends that the Commission take official notice of Mr. Vasquez's Testimony and give it whatever weight it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Joint Response of Big Rivers and Kenergy, p. 4.; Response of Century, p. 4.