

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF BIG	)	
RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION AND	)	
JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY	)	
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL AND	)	
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF A SPECIAL	)	CASE NO.
CONTRACT AND COST ANALYSIS	)	2021-00282
INFORMATION AND A REQUEST FOR	)	
DEVIATION FROM THE COMMISSION'S	)	
SEPTEMBER 24, 1990 ORDER IN	)	
ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 327	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION AND  
JACKSON PURCHASE ENERGY CORPORATION

Big Rivers Electric Corporation (BREC) and Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation (Jackson Purchase) (collectively, Joint Applicants), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on September 24, 2021. The Commission directs Joint Applicants to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Joint Applicants shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Joint Applicants obtain information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Joint Applicants fail or refuse to furnish all or part of the requested information, Joint Applicants shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for their failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Joint Applicants shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Mark J. Eacret (Eacret Testimony), page 5, lines 17–22. Other than cryptocurrency mining operations, explain whether any other businesses have expressed interest in locating their operations in Industrial Park West near Paducah, Kentucky.

2. Refer to the Eacret Testimony, page 8, lines 9–14. Historically, the value of cryptocurrency has been highly volatile, and in countries such as China, governments have begun to issue bans or strict regulations on cryptocurrency mining and trading. In the event of a market crash or new legislation on cryptocurrency, explain whether Blockware Mining, LLC (Blockware) intends to issue any form of a promissory note to the Joint Applicants to cover the expenses necessary to install the transmission system upgrades to meet Blockware’s demand if Blockware were to cease operations before the end of the contract term.

3. Refer to the Eacret Testimony, page 8, lines 9–14. Explain whether any of the Phase I and Phase II transmission upgrades will provide any supplementary benefits in regards to system reliability to the Joint Applicants.

4. Explain why the parties chose a contract term of 20 years, and describe the benefits and risks to Joint Applicant in choosing this contract term.



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