

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ELECTRONIC EXAMINATION BY THE	)	
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE	)	
ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE MECHANISM	)	CASE NO.
OF BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION FOR	)	2026-00089
THE SIX-MONTH BILLING PERIOD ENDING	)	
JANUARY 31, 2026	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Big Rivers Electric Corporation (BREC), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on August 14, 2026. The Commission directs BREC to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ 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 question to which the response is made and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered 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

¹ 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).

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.

BREC shall make timely amendment to any prior response if BREC obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which BREC fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, BREC shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned 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, BREC 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 BREC's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 3. Provide an explanation of how BREC accounts for the operation and maintenance (O&M) costs associated with the handling and disposal of the coal combustion residuals (CCR) components (fly ash and gypsum). Explain

whether BREC includes the incremental costs for CCR handling and disposal as associated with the additional Nucor load.

2. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's First Request, Item 5a and the reference to BREC's Member Rate Stability Mechanism (MRSM). For the review period, provide a comparison of the MRSM that BREC's Members received relative to the MRSM the Members would have received if Nucor's revenues were included in the calculation of the Environmental Surcharge. For example, provide the amount returned through the MRSM that includes the shortfall that would have been produced if Nucor revenues would have been included in the Environmental Surcharge, but if Nucor did not receive an allocation of the existing MRSM bill credits for the review period. Include in the comparison the impact on the reduction to the regulatory assets that are reduced through the MRSM. Provide the calculations in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns and rows unprotected and fully accessible.

3. Refer to BREC's response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information (Staff's Second Request), Item 1, page 3. The response provides examples of two other customers that pay BREC for the market-based power of the energy they receive.

a. Explain whether either or both of these customers cause BREC to incur any environmental expenses.

b. Explain whether BREC incurs any environmental expenses to provide energy to Nucor.

c. Explain how the comparison of Nucor to the other examples is relevant.

4. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 3. Provide the basis for no change in the MSRM amounts for the Rural customers if Nucor is included in the MRSRM.

5. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 7. This response is nonresponsive to the information requested. Refer to Case No. 2019-00365² generally. Provide the citations of BREC's request or explanation and the Commission's approval of BREC's plans to remove the Nucor revenues from BREC's Environmental Surcharge.

6. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 10b. The response states "Big Rivers' Members are taking great efforts to educate their member consumers about that new tariff rider ahead of it showing up on bills."

a. Provide a description of those efforts as well as the information provided by the Members to the customer.

b. Explain how the Members are measuring their success with educating their customers about this rider.

7. Refer to BREC's response to Staff's Second Request, Item 10a. BREC maintains that during the six-month review period ending January 31, 2026, that no incremental environmental costs were incurred to serve the Nucor load. Explain whether this accounts for the additional environmental capital and O&M expenses as provided in the BREC's Response to BREC's Response to Staff's First Request, Item 3.

² Case No. 2019-00365, *Electronic Joint Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for (1) Approval of Contracts for Electric Service with Nucor Corporation; and (2) Approval of Tariff* (Ky. PSC Aug. 17, 2020).

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