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Attention: Tyson Kamuf
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Re: Big Rivers Electric Corporation
Petition Requesting Confidential Treatment received 3/1/16
PSC Reference: Administrative Case # 387

Dear Mr. Kamuf:

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(3), Big Rivers Electric Corporation ("BREC") by Petition received May 1, 2016, requested confidential treatment of certain information filed with the Commission outside of a formal proceeding. 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(3)(c), provides that the Commission's "executive director, as official custodian of the commission's records, shall determine if the material is within an exclusion established in KRS 61.878 and the time period for which the material should be considered as confidential and shall advise the requestor of his or her determination by letter." This letter constitutes my determination of your request.

The information you request the Commission treat as confidential is identified as being contained in BREC's Supplemental Responses to its annual report filed pursuant to Commission's Order dated October 7, 2005, Item Nos. 11 and 14. The information is described as (Item 11) – a list of scheduled outages from 2016 through 2020; and (Item 14) – a list of planned transmission system additions from 2016 through 2025.

Your justification for having the Public Service Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, it has been determined that the information requested to be held confidential if publicly disclosed could present an unfair commercial advantage to

competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case until January 1, 2021, or until further orders of the Commission. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 13(9) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Big Rivers Electric Corporation is required by Section 13(10)(b) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Quang Nguyen, Assistant General Counsel at (502) 782-2586.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. Gardner" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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