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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Re: Application of Big Rivers Electric
Corporation for General Rate Adjustment,
Case No. 2013-00199

Commissioners:

I'm writing on behalf of Precoat Metals Hawesville Division, which is associated with Kenergy's Industrial Resource Committee in western Kentucky. We are all customers of the electric cooperatives which are supplied with power by Big Rivers. While not formal parties to the rate case, we are concerned with the impact of the proposed increase in BREC's power rates on our companies, our employees, and our communities. We understand that the Attorney General has concluded that Big Rivers has not acted in the best interest of its customers and has recommended that the Commission order a management audit of Big Rivers.

We agree that an investigation is needed. We simply no longer have confidence in Big Rivers' management. Because Big Rivers is a non-profit utility with only customer-members and no equity shareholders, it is essential that the Commission get ahead of these management problems before any more decisions are made that would needlessly increase customers rates. A thorough audit is a necessary first step to restore customer confidence in Big Rivers. Therefore, we strongly urge the Commission to order the requested audit.

Sincerely,
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