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In the Matter of:

Application of Big Rivers Electric Corporation for an Order Declaring the Construction of Seven Solar Power Facilities to be Ordinary Extensions of Existing Systems in the Usual Course of Business – Case No. 2016-00409: Ordering Paragraphs No. 3 and 4

Dear Dr. Mathews:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order, dated March 30, 2017, in the aforementioned docket, Big Rivers hereby provides updates pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs No. 3 and 4. The subject of Ordering Paragraph No. 3 is Big Rivers' grant application for the United States Department of Agriculture's ("USDA") Rural Energy for America Program ("the REAP Grant Application"). Ordering Paragraph No. 4 directs Big Rivers to notify the Commission when the solar facilities are constructed. An original and ten (10) copies are provided.

REAP Grant Application

On Friday, March 31, 2017, Big Rivers filed the REAP Grant Application with the USDA. As of June 29, the USDA had yet to award this grant. Early June conversations between Big Rivers and USDA representatives indicate the USDA would not award grants in the unrestricted pool until sometime in July 2017. Big Rivers' REAP Grant Application, if granted, would be from this pool. Big Rivers will advise the Commission of the USDA's final decision.

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Solar Facilities Construction

Construction of four of the seven solar facilities began earlier this month. Construction continues in Brandenburg, Hardinsburg, Owensboro, and Henderson.¹ Weather permitting, Big Rivers currently anticipates that construction at these sites should conclude sometime in July or August. Big Rivers' current plan is then to proceed to the solar arrays in Livingston, Marshall, and McCracken counties.

Please confirm your receipt of this update by placing the Commission's file stamp, with date received, on the enclosed additional copy and returning it to Big Rivers in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelop provided.

Should you have any questions about this update, please contact me as shown below.

Sincerely yours,



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¹ See Direct Testimony of Russell L. Pogue, page 5 of 11, filed on November 28, 2016, in Case No. 2016-00409, for the specific addresses of each of these locations.