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Mr. John S. Lyons  
Acting Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of Kentucky  
211 Sower Boulevard  
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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 Mr. Lyons:

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**

As previously reported, on Friday, March 31, 2017, Big Rivers filed the REAP Grant Application with the USDA. On July 19, 2017, Big Rivers signed the grant award documents for the amount of \$84,175.00, pending the USDA's final inspection of the sites.

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Solar Facilities Construction

Construction of the seven solar facilities<sup>1</sup> is expected to be completed by mid-October. Four of the solar facilities have been commissioned and are producing power. The Mike Miller Park facility has been constructed and is awaiting electrical inspection. The Livingston County Middle School site lease has been executed; Big Rivers is working to finalize the McCracken County High School lease. The McCracken County Board of Education requested a survey of the property; the survey has been completed and provided to the school district for its review. Big Rivers is waiting for the lease to be executed, at which time Big Rivers will schedule construction of the Livingston County and McCracken County arrays.

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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<sup>1</sup> Solar facilities are located in or near Brandenburg, Hardinsburg, Owensboro, Henderson, Paducah, Benton, and Burna, Kentucky. 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.