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Ms. Gwen R. Pinson
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 Ms. Pinson:

Pursuant to the Commission's Order, dated March 30, 2017, in the aforementioned docket, Big Rivers hereby provides this third update 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. The USDA has completed its inspections of all the solar array locations which were listed in the REAP Grant Application. Big Rivers and the USDA are completing all documentation related to the REAP Grant. Big Rivers currently anticipates that all documentation will be complete sometime in the first calendar quarter of 2018.

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Solar Facilities Construction

Construction of the seven solar facilities¹ is complete. All solar facilities have cleared final inspections, have been commissioned, and are producing power. As previously reported, all leases between Big Rivers and its Members have been executed. Big Rivers has also executed the leases with the Livingston County Board of Education, the McCracken County Board of Education, and the McCracken County Fiscal Court. Websites for each solar facility are complete and accessible.

Please confirm your receipt of this third 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 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.