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**BIG RIVERS COLEMAN STATION RECEIVES TENTH GOVERNOR'S SAFETY AWARD**

**HENDERSON, Ky.** – Coleman Station, a Big Rivers generating station located in Hawesville, Ky., earned its tenth Governor's Safety Award for working 1,338,041 hours without a lost time injury. Coleman is eligible for an award every 250,000 hours worked. This total represents 6.5 years worked without experiencing a lost time injury.

The Governor's Safety and Health Award provides recognition for outstanding safety performance. This award is given to employers and employees who together achieve a threshold number of hours worked without experiencing a lost time injury or illness, which is a work-related injury or illness that causes an individual to be unable to perform his/her regular duties on a subsequent scheduled workday or shift. Coleman Station is required to work 250,000 hours to earn the award, based on the number of employees.

"Big Rivers values our people as our greatest resource, and safety is about maintaining that resource from both a human and corporate standpoint," said Mark Bailey, president and CEO. "When the workday is over, we want every employee to return home in as good a condition as he or she arrived."

Mark Brown, secretary of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, will visit the Big Rivers generating station August 15 to present Coleman employees with the award.

"Our employees are committed to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace," said Bob Berry, vice president power production. "This safety achievement demonstrates concern for fellow workers and dedication to teamwork."

Because safety is one of seven core values at Big Rivers, safety is a foundation for all decisions and expectations of the workforce.

Wayne O'Bryan, Coleman Station plant manager, congratulates all employees for continual focus on working safely. "We are all proud to be part of an organization that values safety so highly," said O'Bryan.

*Big Rivers Electric Corporation is an electric generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Henderson, Kentucky and owned by three distribution cooperative members—Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation, headquartered in Paducah; Kenergy Corp, headquartered in Henderson; and Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, headquartered in Brandenburg. These member cooperatives deliver retail electric power and energy to more than 112,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in portions of 22 western Kentucky counties.*

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