



### Why This Matters

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides public assistance to state, tribal, and local government, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Henderson, Kentucky (Big Rivers), received an award of \$1.8 million for damages resulting from a severe winter storm that occurred in January 2009. We audited Big Rivers Electric Corporation's eligibility to receive Public Assistance funding from FEMA.

### DHS Response

Because this report does not contain any recommendations, a response from FEMA is not required.

## Big Rivers Electric Corporation Meets FEMA's Eligibility Requirements for Participation in the Public Assistance Program

### What We Determined

Big Rivers qualifies as a nonprofit organization within the Commonwealth of Kentucky and, therefore, is eligible to receive financial assistance under FEMA's Public Assistance program. Big Rivers was also legally responsible for disaster-related repairs to its facilities.

### What We Recommend

This report contained no recommendations.

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