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Notice is hereby given that the March issue of
KENTUCKY LIVING, bearing the official notice of hearing of PSC
Case No. 2005-00501, concerning the application of the fuel adjustment clause
from May 1, 2005, through October 31, 2005, for CUMBERLAND VALLEY
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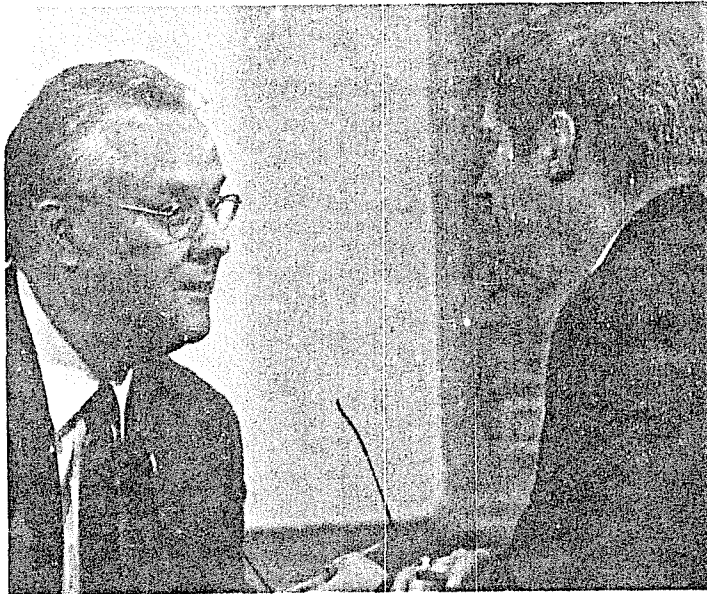
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rural areas served by the co-ops.

The Supreme Court ruling raises questions about whether the thousands of current customers of those non-electric businesses will be able to continue to receive those services. For the future, the ruling would keep co-ops from helping their

Text of the bill on electric co-op activities

A proposal to change state law takes a lot of twists, turns, and changes as it makes its way through the procedures of the Kentucky Legislature. But here is the language of HB 568, as it was introduced February 14—the new wording amends current law in order to allow co-ops to offer services in addition to electricity:

“Any three (3) or more individuals, partnerships, associations or private corporations a majority of whom are citizens of Kentucky may by executing, filing, and recording articles of incorporation as provided in KRS 279.030 and 279.040 organize to conduct a nonprofit cooperative corporation for the (1) Primary purpose of generating, purchasing, selling, transmitting, or distributing electric energy to any individual or entity, and providing any good or service related to generating, purchasing, selling, transmitting, or distributing electric energy to any individual or entity; and (2) Secondary purpose of engaging in any other lawful business or activity.”

communities solve local problems that might arise in years to come.

Faced with those current and future dilemmas, electric co-ops asked the legislature to consider amending the law to allow co-ops to provide nonelectricity related services. The result is House Bill 568.

Opposition to the bill could come from businesses fearing competition from electric co-ops. In its November-December 2005 newsletter, the Kentucky Propane Gas Association said it opposed any legislation that would allow electric co-ops to use income from their electric utility businesses to subsidize the operations of nonelectric businesses.

However, electric co-ops already follow laws that prevent such “cross-subsidization” (see “The truth about co-ops” in the From the Editor column on page 8). The non-electric operations are set up as separate business units that do not rely on money from the part of the co-op that provides electric utility service.

In addition, most nonelectric businesses set up by electric co-ops don’t compete with any local business, says Ron Sheets, president of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives.

“Co-ops started providing these services because they weren’t easily affordable or available in small-town and rural communities,” says Sheets. “We feel strongly that this legislation will not result in unfair competition. What it will do is provide prices and services that electric co-op consumer-owners can’t get any other way.”

HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the offices of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, to examine the application of the fuel adjustment clause of the following corporations for the period May 1, 2005, through October 31, 2005. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify the Public Service Commission in writing of their intent to attend no later than March 13, 2006. If no notices of intent to attend are received by this date, this hearing will be cancelled. Written notice of intent to attend this hearing should be sent to: Beth O'Donnell, Executive Director, Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Big Sandy RECC
Case No. 2005-00498

Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corp.
Case No. 2005-00499

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Case No. 2005-00500

Cumberland Valley Electric
Case No. 2005-00501

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Case No. 2005-00503

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