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Beth O'Donnell, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

RE: Case No. 2005-00499

Dear Ms. O'Donnell,

Enclosed is the Affidavit of Mailing of Hearing Notice regarding the application of the fuel adjustment clause from May 1, 2005 through October 31, 2005 for Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation in the above referenced case.

Sincerely,

J. Donald Smothers Vice President, Financial Services

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the March issue of *KENTUCKY LIVING*, bearing the official notice of hearing of PSC Case No. 2005-00499, concerning the application of the fuel adjustment clause from May 1, 2005, through October 31, 2005, for BLUE GRASS ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, was entered as direct mail at Danville, Kentucky, on February 25, 2006.

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Anita Travis Richter Managing Editor *Kentucky Living*

County of Jefferson State of Kentucky

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public,

this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2006. My commission expires January Arlene

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"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."

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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 nonelectric 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 consumerowners can't get any other way."

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