

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF SOUTH KENTUCKY)
RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORA-)
TION OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY, FOR AN) CASE NO. 8268
ORDER AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN)
ITS RETAIL RATES, APPLICABLE TO ALL)
CONSUMERS.)

O R D E R

On August 4, 1981, the Commission received a letter from South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Cooperative") requesting that the Commission authorize the Cooperative to utilize the monthly magazine Rural Kentuckian to provide notice to its consumers of the proposed rates and charges and the date, time and place of the hearing (scheduled September 30, 1981, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time). The letter states that the next issue of the Rural Kentuckian will be mailed August 31, 1981, and should be received by all consumers approximately four days after mailing. The letter further states that there would be considerable savings by this type notice as opposed to newspaper publication.

The Commission will treat the letter as a motion for a deviation from 807 KAR 5:011E Section 8(b) Notice to the Public.

In this connection, KRS 424.300 states:

"Notices of hearings by the energy regulatory commission or utility regulatory commission upon applications by public utilities for rate increases or reduction or discontinuance of service shall be advertised by the commission by newspaper publication in the areas that will be affected."

The Public Service Commission is the successor to the Energy Regulatory Commission and the Utility Regulatory Commission.

The Commission, having considered the motion, the above-quoted statute and being advised, HEREBY ORDERS that said motion be and it hereby is sustained, provided that the notice in the Rural Kentuckian shall set forth the proposed rates and charges and the date, time and place of hearing. Said notice shall also include the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. However, the Public Service Commission may, after evidentiary hearings, order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in an increase in rates for consumers other than those rates included in this notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the issue of the Rural Kentuckian shall be mailed to consumers of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation on such date as to insure receipt 20 days prior to the date of hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation shall publish once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the areas it serves the date, time, place and the general purpose of the hearing, the format of the publication to be conspicuous, and one of the publications to be not more than 21 days or less than seven days prior to the date of hearing pursuant to KRS 424.130.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of August 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin W. Vohs
For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary