

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF BIG SANDY RURAL)
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION) CASE NO. 95-383

O R D E R

On September 5, 1995, Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Big Sandy") filed a notice of intent to file a rate case and requested authority to deviate from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 11(4)(c) [sic], regarding public notice of the proposed rates. Specifically, Big Sandy seeks to publish notice of the filing of its rate case in the November 1, 1995 issue of the Kentucky Living magazine, a trade publication mailed to all customers, and proposes to use an abbreviated form of notice which omits all of the information required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(3), on the amount and percent of rate increase, but includes a coupon by which a customer can obtain a copy of such information.


Based on the petition and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission hereby finds that Big Sandy's request is for a deviation from 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(4)(c)2, which requires the public notice, when published in a trade publication, to be mailed to all customers no later than the date on which the application is filed. Big Sandy's request to publish its notice in the November 1, 1995 issue of the Kentucky Living magazine is reasonable and should be granted. However, Big Sandy's proposed notice fails to disclose the amount of rate change requested, the

present and proposed rates, and the affect upon the average bill for each affected customer class, information that is otherwise required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(3)(a), (b), and (c). Big Sandy has failed to provide any justification for its request to omit this basic information which is designed to provide customers a sufficient basis to determine whether intervention may be in their interest. The omission of this fundamental information is contrary to the intent and purpose of a public notice.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Big Sandy's request to publish notice in the November 1, 1995 Kentucky Living magazine be and it hereby is granted and its request to use an abbreviated form of notice be and it hereby is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of September, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director