

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF HENDERSON UNION )  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION TO ) CASE NO. 97-220  
ADJUST ELECTRIC RATES )

O R D E R

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(3)(i), Henderson Union Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Henderson Union") has applied for authority to use an abbreviated form of newspaper notice to advise the public of its proposed rate adjustment.

As the use of such notice effectively shifts the burden of notice to a utility's customers,<sup>1</sup> such notice should be authorized only in limited circumstances and only after a showing that the notice requirements in Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(3)(a)-(h) are unduly burdensome. The Commission finds that Henderson Union has failed to make such showing. It has not provided any evidence to

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(3)(a)-(h), a utility which is applying for a general rate adjustment must advise a customer of, inter alia, the present rates and the proposed rates for each customer class to which the proposed rates would apply; the effect upon the average bill for each customer class to which the proposed rate change will apply; and a customer's rights to intervention. Using the abbreviated notice, the customer must clip and send a form to the utility in which he or she requests such information. Not only does the customer receive a short summary of the utility's proposed adjustment from the notice, he or she must take some affirmative action and incur some costs to receive that summary.

demonstrate its expense of complying with normal notice requirements or the extent of any savings which may occur as a result of its use of abbreviated notice. It has not provided the contents of its proposed abbreviated notice. Moreover, Henderson Union has not shown that information required by Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 10(3)(a)-(h) in the present case would be excessive or of little use or concern to customers.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Henderson Union's application for authority to use an abbreviated form of newspaper notice to advise the public of its proposed rate adjustment is denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of June, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
For the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director