

of said officers to prosecute and to assist in the prosecution of said proceedings. For the enforcement of this section the said circuit court, or the circuit judge in vacation, may exercise all the powers now or hereafter existing under the laws of this State in proceedings for injunctive relief, including temporary restraining orders. In any proceedings instituted by the Commission on its own motion or by petition signed by the Attorney General or any State's attorney, as herein provided, no bond shall be required as a condition of the issuance of any restraining order or injunction.

(f) Copy of statement as evidence. —In any proceeding for the enforcement of this section a certified copy of the statement mentioned in subsection (a) [hereby] HEREOF shall be admitted in evidence and shall be presumed to be prima facie proof of the verity and accuracy of all statements therein required by the provisions of said subsection (a) and the burden of proof shall be upon any defendant in any such proceeding to rebut said presumption by a clear preponderance of the evidence.

(g) Right to require supply of electric energy suspended. —During the periods of six and twelve months respectively as provided in subsections (a) and (b) hereof, no person, firm, association or corporation shall have the right to require any electric utility or electric light and power company to supply electric energy within the area or areas indicated upon said maps within which the filing corporation proposes to operate and no action shall be brought or maintained in any court for damages for failure to supply such electric energy within said periods of six and twelve months respectively or within a reasonable time thereafter; provided that the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to apply to any valid and enforceable contracts in writing for electric service subsisting at the time of receipt by any party to such contracts of any notice of filing said maps and statements provided for in subsection (a) hereof.

(h) Not applicable to furnishing electric energy to certain enterprises. —This section shall not apply to the furnishing of electric energy to manufacturing, processing or industrial enterprises or to buildings necessary and appropriate to the operation of said enterprise, including residences, nor to the solicitation of such electric service, nor to the construction of through high voltage transmission lines not intended to serve individual rural customers in the area or areas shown on said maps; provided that nothing in this section contained shall be construed as restricting the right of A filing corporation to serve manufacturing, processing or industrial enterprises.

[410] 31. Exemption of evidences of indebtedness, membership certificates and other securities from registration provisions.