

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ACCREDITATION AND APPROVAL OF A PUBLIC)
SERVICE COMMISSION WATER PERSONNEL) CASE NO. 2011-00158
TRAINING SEMINAR AS A WATER DISTRICT)
COMMISSIONER TRAINING PROGRAM)

ORDER

KRS 74.020(7) requires that this Commission “encourage and promote the offering of high quality water district management training programs that enhance a water district commissioner’s understanding of his or her duties.” Pursuant to this statutory mandate, the Commission conducted a training seminar in Frankfort, Kentucky on December 8, 2010. This seminar included instruction regarding trends in applicable law and regulations and utility administration.¹

Based upon a review of the course curriculum, the Commission finds that:

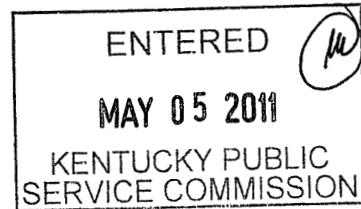
1. The course of instruction provided at this seminar would enhance a water district commissioner’s understanding of his or her duties.
2. The seminar conducted at Frankfort, Kentucky should be approved for six credit hours of water district management training.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the 2010 Last Chance Water Personnel Training Seminar, which the Commission conducted on December 8, 2010 in Frankfort,


¹ A course syllabus is appended to this Order.

Kentucky, is approved for a maximum of six credit hours of water district management training.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WATER PERSONNEL TRAINING
LAST CHANCE TRAINING FOR 2010
DECEMBER 8, 2010**

7:30 - 8:00 Registration

8:00 - 8:05 Administrative Announcements

8:05 - 9:05 Recent Developments in Utility Regulation – Gerald Wuetcher

A review of the recent developments in public utility law and regulation. Recent changes in Kentucky statutes affecting the operation of water utilities will be discussed. Recent Public Service Commission's decisions that affect water utilities and personnel and organizational changes at the Public Service Commission will also be examined. An update on new Public Service Commission initiatives will also be provided.

**9:15 - 11:00 Dealing with Regulatory Agencies – Panel Discussion – Julie Roney (KDOW),
Damon Talley (KRWA), Kim Padgett (RCAP), David Spendard (OAG) and
Gerald Wuetcher (PSC)**

Panel discussion on the common problems that water and sewer utilities encounter when dealing with the Division of Water and the Public Service Commission and possible solutions to those problems. Potential solutions will include suggested changes to regulators' methods and procedures and suggested changes in how utilities prepare and prosecute their cases with the regulatory agencies. Kentucky Rural Water Association and Rural Community Assistance Program will address the issue from the regulated water utility's perspective. A representative from the Attorney General's Office will discuss that office's approach to rate applications. Audience participation is strongly encouraged.

11:10 - 11:20 Remarks – Chairman David L. Armstrong

11:25- 12:10 Tariffs – Brent Kirtley

Presentation on utility tariffs and rate schedules. Presenter will discuss how the contents of the tariff impose legal obligations upon water utilities and the consequences when a utility's practices failed to reflect the provisions of its filed tariff. He will also discuss various provisions that should be contained in a utility tariff, including rules for water main extensions, landlord-renter provisions, leak adjustments, late payment penalties, deposits, discontinuance of service for non-payment. Presentation also addresses the methods of revising a tariff's provisions and adjusting a utility's rate schedules.

12:10 - 1:20 Lunch

1:20 - 2:20 Kentucky Division of Water Update – Julie Roney, Kentucky Division of Water

Presentation on recent developments and activities at Kentucky Division of Water. Includes a brief overview of revisions to the agency's administrative regulations and proposed revisions to federal drinking water laws and regulations.

2:30 – 4:00 Legal Issues in Water District Operations – Gerald Wuetcher

A review of the provisions of Chapter 74 involving the creation, management, operation and dissolution of water districts. Other statutory provisions, such as the Whistle Blowers Act, Claims against Local Government Act, Bidding Requirements provision of KRS Chapter 424 are also discussed.

