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Ky Public Service Commission
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RE: Rebeckah Johnston CASE 2012-00449
Water Commissioner for Sandy Hook Water District

To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a former Sandy Hook Water District Commissioner in defense of Rebeckah Johnston. I was appointed to the Water District Commission June 1, 2010 and served until 2011 when I resigned to take a paid position for the District.

I was appointed by Judge David Blair to replace a member whose term had expired. The General Manager at the time was Judy Stinson. The first time I was made aware of any training requirement was in June 2011 (past my one year anniversary). Three other board members and myself scheduled the next upcoming training in August and attended. They, too, were past their one year anniversary. As a matter of fact, most of the commissioners that I met while attending this training were in the same position that we were.

According to this, our board actually had no legal members in 2011. My understanding is that this just became a law in 2010 and we remedied the situation as soon as we were aware it.

Rebeckah is an asset to the Water District and has remedied her situation, as the rest of us did. I feel like that if we allow strong armed politics to cause the removal of a good Commissioner due to her health issues, the door will be opened for removal of many of these whom I attended training with. Where does this stop? Why, as a commissioner did I not receive something from the PSC telling me immediately that I had to have this training? There are lots of questions that could be asked.

I feel that since the problem was taken care of, and that the Fiscal Court is willing to accept this, maybe the Public Service Commission should listen to the Fiscal Court instead of one politician.

Sincerely,



Bridgett Howard,
Former Sandy Hook Water Commissioner