

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF)
TIMOTHYRICKETTSTRAINING.COM FOR) CASE NO.
APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER TRAINING AND) 2017-00312
CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT)

ORDER

Timothy P. Ricketts has applied for accreditation and approval of a training event scheduled for nine locations. Per the application, the training event is scheduled for August 8 and 9, 2017, in Ashland, Kentucky; September 6 and 7, 2017, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky; October 17 and 18, 2017, in Elizabethtown, Kentucky; November 14 and 15, 2017, in Shelbyville, Kentucky; November 28 and 29, 2017, in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; January 16 and 17, 2018, in Carrollton, Kentucky; February 20 and 21, 2018, in Russellville, Kentucky; March 28 and 29, 2018, in Gilbertsville, Kentucky; and April 3 and 4, 2018 in Williamstown, Kentucky.

The training event includes eight courses, or sessions, and permits attendees to earn up to a total of 12 hours of training. The courses and their corresponding credit hours are described, per the application, as: Sanitary survey - three hours; Valves - one hour; Hydrants - one hour; Meters - one hour; Water chemistry - two hours; Water quality in the distribution system - two hours; Storage - one hour; and Source water - one hour. The application includes a learning objective, criteria for successful completion by operators, timed agenda, and credentials of the instructor for each course. The application does not include a copy of any written materials proposed for distribution to

water district commissioner attending the program. Nor does the application supply a copy of any presentation materials proposed for use during the courses. By separate applications to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department for Environmental Protection, Division of Compliance Assistance, Certification and Licensing Branch, Mr. Ricketts requested and obtained operator certification training approval for continuing education credit for the courses.

This Commission is required to “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 responsibilities and duties.”¹ Having reviewed the application, the Commission finds that the proposed courses at the meetings will enhance a water district commissioner’s understanding of his or her responsibilities and duties and should be accredited for up to 12 hours of water district management training.

The Commission further finds that 807 KAR 5:070, Section 1, sets forth the filing requirements and standards for Commission approval of water district commissioner training programs. 807 KAR 5:070, Section 1(3) requires an application for approval of a proposed water district commissioner training program to contain a summary of the content of the program in detail sufficient to describe how the program will enhance the management, operation, and maintenance of water treatment and distributions systems.

The Commission finds the description of the content for each of the eight courses in the instant case to be cursory in nature, including only a one-sentence description of the course and a one-sentence description of the objectives for the course. Although the Commission accepted for filing the application in the instant case, the Commission

¹ KRS 74.020(7)(c).

reminds prospective applicants requesting approval of water district commissioner training programs that 807 KAR 5:070, Section 1(3) requires an application to be supported by detail sufficient to describe how the program will enhance the management, operation, and maintenance of water treatment and distribution systems. Moreover, 807 KAR 5:070, Section 1(6), requires an application for approval of a training program to be supported by a copy of written materials given to water commissioners attending the program. Therefore, the Commission also reminds prospective applicants that written materials given to water commissioners must be submitted as part of the application. Applications that fail to meet the filing requirements of 807 KAR 5:070, Section 1 will be rejected.

Pursuant to KRS 74.020(7)(c), the Commission is required to “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 responsibilities and duties.” Accreditation of a training program, therefore, requires, among other things, a demonstration by the applicant that the training program is of a high quality. A failure to make such a demonstration through the documents and information required by 807 KAR 5:070, Section 1 will result in a denial of the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The presentations scheduled to be held on August 8 and 9, 2017, in Ashland, Kentucky; September 6 and 7, 2017, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky; October 17 and 18, 2017, in Elizabethtown, Kentucky; November 14 and 15, 2017, in Shelbyville, Kentucky; November 28 and 29, 2017, in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; January 16 and 17, 2018, in Carrollton, Kentucky; February 20 and 21, 2018, in Russellville, Kentucky; March

28 and 29, 2018, in Gilbertsville, Kentucky; and April 3 and 4, 2018 in Williamstown, Kentucky, are accredited and approved for a maximum of 12 credit hours of water district management training.

2. Timothy P. Ricketts shall retain a record of all water district commissioners attending the accredited and approved presentations.

3. No later than 30 days after each presentation, Timothy P. Ricketts shall file with the Commission:

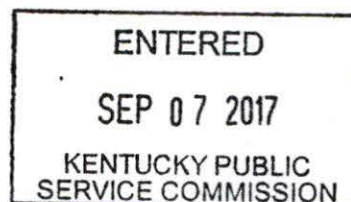
a. A sworn statement attesting that the accredited instruction was performed;

b. A description of any changes in the presenters or the proposed curriculum that occurred after the application;

c. The name of each attending water district commissioner, his or her water district, and the number of hours that he or she attended; and

d. A copy of any written material given to water district commissioners attending the presentations.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Acting Executive Director

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