

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY WATER RESOURCES)
RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND NATIONAL) CASE NO.
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER FOR) 2017-00355
APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER TRAINING AND)
CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT)

ORDER

Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute (“KWRRRI”) and National Environmental Services Center (“NESC”) have applied for accreditation and approval of their workshop for training water district commissioners on September 14, 2017, at the KRADD Conference Center in Hazard, Kentucky, for a maximum of six credit hours. KWRRRI and NESC state that this workshop was developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators and the Kentucky Board of Certification of Water Treatment and Distribution System Operators have each approved the training for six hours of continuing education credit.

The Commission finds that the training event includes ten sessions and permits attendees to earn up to a total of six hours of training. The sessions provide training in sustainable management of rural and small systems and focus on ten key management areas for small drinking water and wastewater utilities. The Commission finds that the agenda for the program describes in sufficient detail how the program will enhance the management, operation, and maintenance of water treatment and distribution systems.

Further, the application is supported by written materials proposed for distribution to water district commissioners attending the program, and the Commission finds that the written materials proposed for use in the training are of a high quality.

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 KWRRRI’s and NESC’s application, the Commission finds that the presentations at these training sessions will enhance a water district commissioner’s understanding of his or her responsibilities and duties, and should be accredited for a maximum of six credit hours of water district management training.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The sessions on September 14, 2017, offering a maximum of six hours of continuing education credit, are accredited and approved for water district management training.
2. KWRRRI and NESC shall retain a record of all water district commissioners attending the accredited and approved presentations.
3. No later than 30 days after each presentation, KWRRRI and NESC 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 KWRRRI’s and NESC’s application;

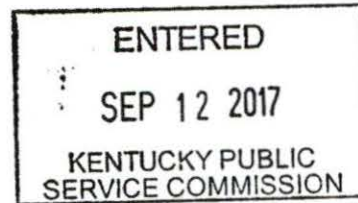
¹ KRS 74.020(7)(c).

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

d. A copy of any written material given to water district commissioners attending the presentations, as well any changes to the written materials that were submitted in the application; and

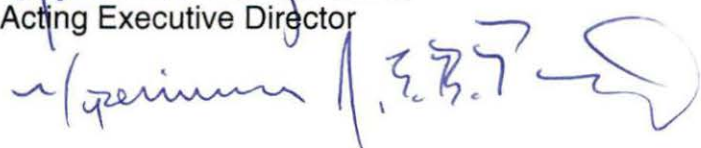
e. Documents indicating whether the Kentucky Bar Association has approved the training for Continuing Legal Education Credit, or whether the Department of Local Government, has approved Elected County Officials Training Incentive Program Credit.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director



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