COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

) CASE NO.) 2017-00434

ORDER

The Kentucky Rural Water Association ("KRWA") applied for accreditation and approval of its Training for McCreary Co. Water District held on November 3, 2017, in Whitley City, Kentucky. KRWA requests that the program be approved for six hours of continuing education credit. KRWA provided evidence that the Kentucky Board of Certification of Water Treatment and Distribution System Operators has approved the program for six hours of continuing education credit. The program consists of six separate presentations, each one hour in length, addressing legal and regulatory issues affecting water utilities; the role of commissioners, managers, operators, and office personnel; enforcement actions; lessons learned from water and wastewater crises in Flint, Michigan and in water districts in Kentucky; and the effect of nutrient enrichment in streams on water utilities.

Having reviewed KRWA's application, the Commission finds that the presentations at the training program will enhance water district commissioners' understanding of their responsibilities and duties, and therefore, the Commission accredits the Training for McCreary Co. Water District and approves it for up to six credit hours of water district management training. The Commission notes that, while it has approved this program for water district commissioner training that has already occurred, the Commission, in Case No. 2018-00085¹, established new guidelines for receiving accreditation for water district commissioner training. All future applications for accreditation for water district commissioner training must conform to the requirements of Case No. 2018-00085 or the Commission will not approve the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Training for McCreary Co. Water District held on November 3, 2017, in Whitley City, Kentucky is accredited and approved for a maximum of six credit hours of water district management training.

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

3. Within 30 days of the entry of this Order, KRWA shall file with the Commission:

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 KRWA's 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 commissioners attending the presentations.

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¹ Case No. 2018-00085, *Review of Training Required and Authorized by KRS 74.020 for the Commissioners of Water Districts* (Ky. PSC Mar. 15, 2018).

By the Commission

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