

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ACCREDITATION AND APPROVAL OF A)
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WATER)
PERSONNEL TRAINING SEMINAR AS A) CASE NO. 2008-00555
WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TRAINING)
PROGRAM)

O R D E R

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 has conducted a training seminar in Frankfort, Kentucky. 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 6 credit hours of water district management training.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the 2008 Last Chance Water Personnel Training Seminar, which the Commission conducted on December 10, 2008 in Frankfort, Kentucky, is approved for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

¹ A course syllabus is appended to this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of January, 2009.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


for Jeff Deroun
Executive Director

Case No. 2008-00555

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO 2008-00555 DATED
JANUARY 6, 2009

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WATER PERSONNEL TRAINING
LAST CHANCE TRAINING FOR 2008
DECEMBER 10, 2008**

- 7:30 - 8:00 Registration**
- 8:00 - 8:05 Welcome and Program Overview**
- 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, with special emphasis on House Bill 84, 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 - 10:15 Open Records/Open Meetings Acts – Virginia Gregg**
The principal provisions of the Open Records Act and Open Meetings Act are reviewed. Handling a request for information under the Open Records Act is discussed. The effect of the Open Meetings Act on meetings of the board of water district commissioners is also discussed.
- 10:25 - 11:25 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
- 11:25 - 12:35 Lunch**
- 12:35 - 1:35 PSC Regulation of Municipal Utilities – Gerald Wuetcher**
Presentation on the history of the Public Service Commission's regulation of municipal utilities. Special emphasis is placed on recent Commission decisions regarding various aspects of municipal utility transactions with water districts and water associations, including the extent of Commission jurisdiction over municipal utilities, procedures for municipal rate filings, and the Commission's authority to revise terms of existing contracts for service. Presenter will also discuss the use of Commission jurisdiction as a sword in contract negotiations.
- 1:45 - 3:15 Issues in the Negotiation of Wholesale Water Contracts – Damon Talley And Gerald Wuetcher**
Presentation focuses on the issues that wholesale water providers and purchasers should consider when negotiating water supply contracts to avoid unnecessary litigation and operation and administrative problems.
- 3:20 - 4:05 Tariffs – Brent Kirtley**
A discussion of regulatory process from varying perspectives. Public Service Commission Staff and Water District officials will discuss their experience with the utility regulatory process, problems that they have encountered, and possible approaches to address those problems. Members of the audience are encouraged to share their experiences and opinions.