

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ACCREDITATION AND APPROVAL OF THE)
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WATER) CASE NO. 2009-00360
PERSONNEL TRAINING SEMINARS AS A WATER)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TRAINING PROGRAM)

ORDER

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, in association with the Kentucky Rural Water Association, will conduct training seminars at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Carter Caves State Resort Park, and Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. These seminars include instruction regarding, inter alia, trends in applicable law and regulations, utility rate-making, management, finance, and administration.¹

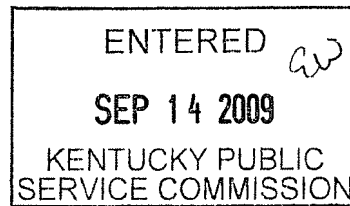
Based upon a review of the course curriculum, the Commission finds that:

1. The courses of instruction provided at these seminars would enhance a water district commissioner’s understanding of his or her duties.
2. The seminars conducted at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, Carter Caves State Resort Park, and Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park should be approved for 12.5 credit hours of water district management training.

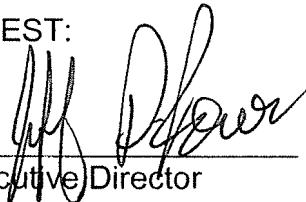
¹ A course syllabus for each seminar is appended to this Order as Appendix A.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the 2009 Water Personnel Training Seminars, which the Commission, in association with the Kentucky Rural Water Association, will conduct on September 29-30, 2009 at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park, on October 20-21, 2009 at Carter Caves State Resort Park and on November 4-5, 2009 at Kentucky Dam Village Resort Park, are approved for a maximum of 12.5 credit hours.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2009-00360 DATED **SEP 14 2009**

PSC/KRWA Water Personnel Training

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park

September 29-30, 2009

September 29

7:30-8:00 Registration

8:00-8:30 Welcome and Commissioner's Opening Remarks

8:30-9:40 Recent Developments in Utility Regulation – Gerald Wuetcher, PSC

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12:00-1:00 Lunch

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3:20-4:20 Management Audits and Best Practices –John Rogness, PSC and Joe Burns, KRWA

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Carter Caves State Resort Park

October 20-21, 2009

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November 4-5, 2009

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