## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

A meeting of the Public Service Commission was held this date. Present: Chairman Harold E. Kelley and Commissioners W. Howard Clay and Joe L. Travis.

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In the Matter of

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER SECTION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 140

## ORDER

WHEREAS there are now some 134 water districts, 16 water associations and 30 privately owned water companies which under the provision of Chapter 278, Kentucky Revised Statutes operate as water utilities under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission and:

WHEREAS the health and well being of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are directly affected by the operation of these water utilities and:

WHEREAS most of these water utilities are small in size and therefore require special attention and assistance.

Now therefore IT IS ORDERED that a water section with objectives as set out in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, shall be organized in accordance with the organizational structure as set out in Appendix B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this section shall operate under the direction of the Commission's Director of Engineering and shall be a part of the Commission's Engineering Division.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this day of October, 1971.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary

and they

III. Objectives.

The objectives of the section shall be to make the necessary studies, investigations and inspections to insure that the water utilities operating under jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission provide wholesome, potable and adequate and economical water service in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 278, Kentucky Revised Statutes and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission enacted pursuant thereto. To carry out this objective, the following inspection and investigations will be made:

Financial. Audit of each utility once each four years to insure that accounting and financial records are maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform System or Accounts, in accordance with sound accounting principles that information necessary for the reports required by the Commission is available.

Inspection of records of the utility once each 4 years (between audits) to insure continued accurate reporting operations. It is anticipated that there will be 45 such inspections each year.

Operations. Investigate and report to the Commission on all complaints received that cannot be handled by correspondence. It is estimated that approximately 10 such complaints will be investigated each year.

Make routine service investigations to insure that the operation of the utility complies with the rules and regulations of the Commission once each year. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 180 such inspections each year.

<u>Plant</u>. Investigate and prepare feasibility report for all new applications for a preliminary hearing by newly formed water districts.

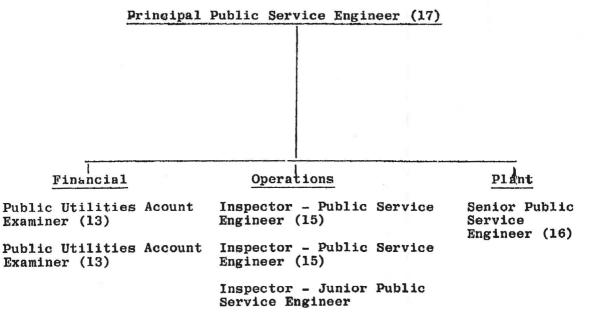
Investigate all applications for certificate of convenience and necessity to construct new water facilities to insure compliance with the Commission standards, policy and rules and regulations.

Inspect all new construction certificated by the Commission to insure that it is constructed in accordance with the approved plans.

## APPENDIX B

## Organization Chart

Water Section



The Water Section shall report to the Chief, Bureau of Utility Operations, Division of Engineering and Rates.