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 WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TRAINING PROGRAM

) CASE NO. 2008-00386

<u>ORDER</u>

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 Erlanger, Kentucky. This seminar included instruction regarding, inter alia, 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 Erlanger, Kentucky should be approved for 6 credit hours of water district management training.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the 2008 Northern Kentucky Water Personnel Training Seminar, which the Commission conducted on September 4, 2008 in Erlanger, Kentucky is approved for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

¹ A course syllabus for the seminar is appended to this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of September, 2008.

By the Commission

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APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2008-00386 DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WATER PERSONNEL TRAINING NORTHERN KENTUCKY SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

8:45 - 9:25 Registration

9:25 - 9:30 Welcome and Program Overview

9:30 -10:15 Recent Developments in Utility Regulation – PSC Staff

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.

10:15 -11:15 Disinfection Byproducts Rule – Julie Roney, KY Division of Water

Presentation on Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule and its requirements. The requirements that DBR places on wholesale suppliers and purchasers will be discussed.

11:15 - 12:15 PSC Website – PSC Staff

A review of the features and tools available at the Public Service Commission Website. A brief overview of using the web site to conduct research and obtain current case information. An update on the Commission's efforts to promote electronic filing will also be discussed.

12:15 - 1:15 Lunch

1:15 - 2:15 Tariffs – PSC Staff

Presentation on regulatory issues involved in preparing and maintaining tariffs. Key provisions that a water utility tariff should contain will be identified and discussed. The filed rate doctrine and the consequences of failure to comply with the doctrine.

2:15 - 3:30 Legal Issues in Water District Operations – PSC Staff

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.

3:30 - 4:30 Regulator/Regulated Utility Relations – Panel/Audience Discussion

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.