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Ms. Talina R. Mathews, Executive Director
Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

Dear Ms. Mathews:

Kentucky Rural Water Association will present a training session for Oldham County Water District on October 11, 2016. This session will be held at the Oldham Co. Water District office in LaGrange, Kentucky, and will offer six (6) hours of continuing education credit for water district commissioners. An agenda for this class, which includes a description of the topics and speaker information, is enclosed.

With this letter and enclosures Kentucky Rural Water Association respectfully requests that this training be approved for continuing education credit for commissioners as referenced in regulation 807 KAR 5:070. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Janet Cole
Education Coordinator
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Enclosures
(Original and 10 packets)

Training Sponsor: Kentucky Rural Water Association
Title: Commissioner Training for Oldham Co. Water District
Date: October 11, 2016
Location: Oldham Co. Water District Office, LaGrange, Kentucky

Learning Objective:

The objective of this class is to provide useful information to water district commissioners to help them better perform their roles and enhance the operations at their facility.

Criteria for Training Credits:

Attendees will be granted credit for actual time attending the training sessions. The maximum number of training credit hours for this class will be six (6) hours of continuing education credit.

AGENDA

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Introductions & Opening Remarks

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **What Makes Kentucky Great?**
Andy Lange, Kentucky Rural Water Association

Kentucky is one of the nation's leaders in expanding water service into rural areas and in consolidating Public Water Systems into Community Water Systems. This presentation will cover the history of the water industry in Kentucky and explain factors leading to Kentucky's success.

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Conflict of Interest and Ethics 701**
Damon Talley, Stoll Keenon Ogdon, PLLC

During this session, the term "conflict of interest" will be defined as it relates to those serving as commissioners. The importance of following established guidelines for ethical principles and practices will also be included.

10:15 – 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 11:30 **Accounting & Auditing Issues**
Brian S. Woosley, Stiles, Carter & Associates

This presentation reviews the requirements of GASB 68, discusses how it may affect a government utility's balance sheet, and the impact, if any, it may have on a government utility's rates for service. It will also identify specific areas that government utility officials should address with their auditors.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Legal Issues Facing Water Districts**
Damon Talley, Stoll Keenon Ogdon, PLLC

This session will be a forum to discuss current legal matters facing the utility industry. Discussion will include a wide range of topics relevant to utility operations. Topics will generally include changes and interpretation of PSC and DOW regulations and other regulatory and compliance issues affecting the management and administration of utilities.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Legislative and Regulatory Update**
Gary Larimore, Kentucky Rural Water Association

Regulatory and legislative matters are important concerns to those in the utility industry. Proper leadership requires individuals to keep abreast of legislation impacting utilities. This session will provide attendees with an update on current issues affecting utilities in Kentucky.

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:15 – 4:00 **Recap / Question & Answer**

Panel: Andy Lange, Gary Larimore, and Damon Talley

During this time individuals will be offered the opportunity to ask additional questions regarding the topics covered during the sessions. Participants will be encouraged to seek clarification on other items pertaining to the management/leadership of utilities.

Speaker Bios

Andy Lange is the Assistant Director for the Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA) and has been employed there since 1989. Prior to joining KRWA, Mr. Lange worked for the Barren River Area Development District for five (5) years, providing administrative and financial assistance to local governments in the ten-county BRADD region. Mr. Lange has earned a Bachelor of Science in Geography and a Master of Public Administration from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Mr. Lange's duties include involvement with all management and administrative activities of the Association. Other responsibilities include: coordinating and monitoring internal membership activities, producing and editing KRWA printed publications, and assisting in the administration of KRWA finance programs. He has been involved in the production of operation and maintenance manuals for water systems, the final report for the KY River Authority Water Counts project, and Operation Review studies for utilities.

Damon Talley joined Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC (SKO) on May 1, 2015. He is a member of the Utility & Energy practice. He practices out of the Hodgenville, Louisville, and Lexington, Kentucky offices. Damon brings to SKO more than 35 years of experience working in private practice focusing on public utility work. He serves as General Counsel of the Kentucky Rural Water Association and has served in this capacity since 1979. Damon received his J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1975, and earned his B.S.M.E. in 1972 from the University of Kentucky College of Engineering.

Brian Woosley serves as director of audits and quality control at Stiles, Carter & Associates, CPAs, PSC in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Brian is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Master of Professional Accountancy. He serves as an instructor at the University of Kentucky, School of Financial Management Institute and conducts numerous training sessions for governments. He has also served as the Chair of the Kentucky Society of CPAs Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee. His specialty is governmental accounting and auditing with a focus on school districts, water districts, municipal utilities, and city and county governments.

Gary Larimore has been Executive Director of the Kentucky Rural Water Association since its formation in March, 1979. He received both Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Service Degrees from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Mr. Larimore is responsible for the administration and day-to-day operation of the association's office. His duties include budgeting and financial management, personnel management, and acting as the primary representative with the membership, the board of directors, and other outside organizations. Other primary duties include representing the Association's legislative and regulatory interests as a full-time lobbyist and working with water-related groups and organizations.