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***IN RE: Application/Motion by Kara Wilson, Commissioner of Jonathan Creek  
Water District for Extension of Time to Complete Water District Management  
Training for 2018***

Dear Executive Director Pinson

Please find enclosed the original and ten (10) copies of an Application/Motion made by Kara Wilson as Commissioner of the Jonathan Creek Water District for an Extension of Time to Complete Water District Management Training for the Commissioner's consideration. I have also enclosed a proposed Order.

Ms. Wilson's address is 586 Forest Road, Benton, KY 42025. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours



Kip C. Mathis

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c: David Lovett, Superintendent, Jonathan Creek Water District  
Kara Wilson

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

KARA WILSON, Commissioner of Jonathan  
Creek Water District )  
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**VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
COMPLETE WATER DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TRAINING  
DUE TO HARDSHIP**

Kara Wilson (“Ms. Wilson”), a Commissioner of the Jonathan Creek Water District (“District”), hereby requests the Kentucky Public Service Commission for an extension of time to complete her six (6) instructional hours of water district management training under KRS 74.020(6) and (7) for the 2018 educational year due to a hardship. In support of this request, Ms. Wilson states as follows:

1. On February 7, 2017, the Marshall County Fiscal Court appointed Ms. Wilson to the District’s Board of Commissioners to complete the term of Leon Lovett. Her initial term expired on June 30, 2018.
2. As required by KRS 74.020(8), Ms. Wilson completed twelve (12) hours of new commissioner training in September 2017.
3. On August 1, 2018, Ms. Wilson was reappointed to the Board of Commissioners for a four-year term.
4. KRS 74.020(6) states that each water district commissioner shall receive an annual salary of not more than \$3,600.00. However, commissioners who obtain six (6)

instructional hours of water district management training during an educational year (calendar year) are eligible for a maximum salary of \$6,000.00 as permitted and fixed by the county judge executive and fiscal court. KRS 74.020(6) and (7).

5. The Marshall County Fiscal Court has permitted and fixed the District's Commissioner's salaries at \$4,800.00, which is paid in monthly installments of \$400.00. Because the District pays its Commissioners more than \$3,600.00 per year, the District's Commissioners must receive six (6) instructional hours of water district management training per educational year to receive the full \$4,800.00 salary.

6. Ms. Wilson received \$4,800.00 in compensation from the District between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

7. Ms. Wilson planned to complete her six (6) hours of water district management training for 2018 at the PSC's Water Training Seminar held at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park September 19 -20, 2018.

8. However, on or about August 6, 2018, Ms. Wilson was diagnosed with endometrial stromal sarcoma, a rare form of cancer. Her physician ordered her to undergo six (6) rounds of chemotherapy beginning September 6, 2018 and ending December 27, 2018.

9. The severe side effects from chemotherapy and the psychological and emotional distress of her diagnosis prevented Ms. Wilson from completing six (6) hours of water district management training in the 2018 educational year.

10. During the time of the PSC's 2018 Water Training Seminar held at Kentucky Dam Village Resort Park on September 19 and 20, 2018, Ms. Wilson's blood counts were extremely low as a result of her treatment. Accordingly, her physician

recommended she avoid large crowds to minimize the risk of contracting an infectious disease that her body could not fight or would hinder her treatment. Consequently, Ms. Wilson did not attend the PSC's Water Training Seminar in September 2018.

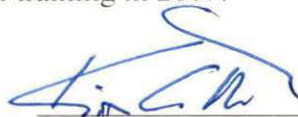
11. Ms. Wilson did not make the 4 ½ hour drive to attend the PSC's Water Training Seminar in Frankfort, Kentucky held on December 4 and 5, 2018 due to extreme fatigue caused by the chemotherapy treatments and the fear of being alone over 4 ½ hours away from her caregivers and physician.

12. Nevertheless, Ms. Wilson attended all but one of the District's monthly meetings between September and December 2018.

WHEREFORE, Ms. Wilson requests the following:

1. That she be allowed an extension of time to complete her six (6) instructional hours of water district management training for 2018 through December 31, 2019;

2. That if Ms. Wilson attends twelve (12) instructional hours of water district management training before December 31, 2019, she may retain the full \$4,800.00 in salary she received in 2018. However, Ms. Wilson has agreed to refund the \$1,200.00 of additional salary she received in 2018 to the Jonathan Creek Water District if she attends less than twelve (12) hours of instructional training in 2019.



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**VERIFICATION**

I, Kara Wilson, being first duly sworn, verify that the statements made in the foregoing Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Kara Wilson  
KARA WILSON

STATE OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF MARSHALL

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by KARA WILSON on this

15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

Susan Sedlock  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
#528037

My commission expires: 3-4-2019

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned hereby certifies that he mailed the original copy of the foregoing along with ten (10) copies of same to the following on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019:

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**ORDER ALLOWING EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE WATER  
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TRAINING**

This matter came before the Kentucky Public Service Commission on the verified application of Kara Wilson, a Commissioner of the Jonathan Creek Water District, for an extension of time within which to complete her 2018 water district management training. Having considered the verified application and being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. The Application of Kara Wilson is GRANTED;
2. Due to her extraordinary hardship, Kara Wilson is granted an extension of time within which to complete her six (6) instructional hours of water district management training under KRS 74.020(6) and (7) for the 2018 educational year through December 31, 2019;
3. If Kara Wilson attends at least twelve (12) instructional hours of water district management training that have been certified by the Kentucky Public Service Commission before December 31, 2019, she may retain the full \$4,800.00 in salary she received in 2018. However, if Ms. Wilson attends less than twelve (12) instructional hours of water district management training that have been certified by the Kentucky Public

Service Commission by December 31, 2019, she must refund \$1,200.00 to the Jonathan Creek Water District.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director