

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**In the Matter of:**

**ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF )  
KENTUCKY RURAL WATER )  
ASSOCIATION FOR ACCREDITATION ) CASE NO. 2021-00199  
APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER )  
TRAINING AND CONTINUING )  
EDUCATION CREDIT )**

**APPLICATION**

Kentucky Rural Water Association (“KRWA” or the “Applicant”) applies for an Order from the Public Service Commission accrediting and approving a proposed water district commissioner training program for continuing education credit pursuant to KRS 74.020(6) and (7) and 807 KAR 5:070.

In support of its application, KRWA states:

1. KRWA is a non-profit corporation incorporated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuant to KRS Chapter 273 on March 19, 1979 and is currently in good standing.
2. KRWA’s mailing address is: 1151 Old Porter Pike, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42103. Its email address is: [j.cole@krwa.org](mailto:j.cole@krwa.org).
3. KRWA was organized to foster professionalism in the water and wastewater industry through non-regulatory training, technical assistance programs, and advocacy. Its membership consists of water districts, water associations, municipalities with

populations of 10,000 persons or less, and other similar entities that provide water and wastewater utility services to rural Kentucky.

4. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(8),<sup>1</sup> copies of all orders, pleadings, and other communications related to this proceeding should be directed to:

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5. KRWA proposes to sponsor and conduct a water management training program on June 23, 2021 as part of our Operator EXPO at the Hardin County Fairgrounds in Glendale, Kentucky. The program is entitled “Water Commissioner Training.” A copy of the proposed agenda is attached to this Application as **Exhibit 1**. This program will be conducted in-person. The presenters, KRWA representatives, and all attendees will abide by the COVID-19 safety protocols and social distancing measure in place at the time of the training.

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<sup>1</sup> On May 12, 2021, KRWA gave notice pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, of its intent to file this application and of its use of electronic filing procedures.

6. As reflected in **Exhibit 1**, the proposed training program will include presentations on the employment outlook and challenges for the utility industry; recent developments in utility regulation, including an overview of Kentucky court and Public Service Commission decisions relating to unaccounted water loss, borrowing money, wholesale water purchase agreements, and other topics; the Kentucky Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, to include funding and mitigation programs and the process for obtaining funds; and the Public Service Commission's ratemaking process for water districts, including specific topics such as cost-based rates, revenue requirement calculation, cost-of-service studies, Alternative Rate Filing procedures, and customer notice requirements. These presentations will enhance the attendees' understanding of relevant legal, financial and technical issues involved in the management, operation, and maintenance of water systems and are calculated to enhance and improve the quality of the management, operation, and maintenance of the attendees' water systems.

7. The proposed training program consists of six hours of instruction and should be accredited and approved as water management training satisfying the requirements set forth in KRS 74.020(7) to establish a water district commissioner's eligibility for a maximum annual salary of \$6,000. **KRWA is not requesting that the proposed training program be accredited as a program of instruction for newly appointed commissioners.**

8. A biographical statement containing the name and relevant qualifications and credentials for each presenter is attached at **Exhibit 2** of this application.

9. The written materials to be provided to each attendee are attached at **Exhibit 3**. Should any presenter revise or amend his or her presentation prior to the presentation or provide additional written materials to the attendees, KRWA will include a copy of the revised presentation with its sworn statement and report regarding the instruction.

10. KRWA will retain a record of all Water District Commissioners attending the proposed training program.

11. Within 30 days of the proposed training program's completion, KRWA will file with the Public Service Commission a sworn statement:

- a. Attesting that the accredited instruction was performed;
- b. Describing any changes in the presenters or the proposed program curriculum that occurred after certification; and,
- c. Containing the name of each attending commissioner, their utility and the number of hours that he or she attended.

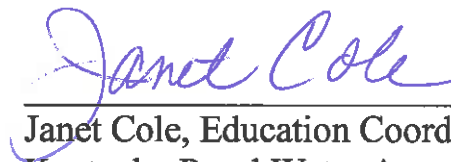
12. KRWA will include with the sworn statement documentary evidence of the program's certification by certifying authorities and a copy of any written material given to the attendees that has not been previously provided to the Public Service Commission.

13. KRWA will admit representatives of the Public Service Commission to the proposed training program at no charge to permit such representatives to assess the quality of the program's instruction, monitor the program's compliance with the Public Service Commission directives, regulations, or other requirements, or perform any other supervisory functions that the Public Service Commission deems necessary

**WHEREFORE**, KRWA requests that the Commission approve and accredit the proposed training program entitled "Water Commissioner Training" for six hours of water district management training.

Dated: May 13, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

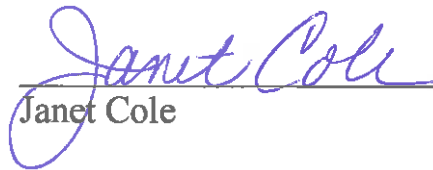


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8 and the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders in Case No. 2020-00085 regarding electronic filings, I certify that Kentucky Rural Water Association's Application was electronically transmitted to the Public Service Commission on May 13, 2021; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that, within 30 days following the end of the state of emergency announced in Executive Order 2020-215, this Application in paper medium will be delivered to the Public Service Commission.

  
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Janet Cole