

EXHIBIT 1

Water Commissioner Training

Galt House Hotel
140 North 4th Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Presented by
Kentucky Rural Water Association
August 24-25, 2021

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Afternoon Sessions

1:20 – 1:30 Welcome and Program Overview – Andy Lange

1:30 – 2:30 Asset Management Dashboards

Dustin Horn and Rusty Anderson, Kentucky Rural Water Association

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is technology that allows various types of data to be displayed and analyzed spatially. This session will be a showcase for tools that are being developed by Kentucky Rural Water to help utilities improve asset management through GIS technology. Highlights of this session will include showing the power of GPS locating assets within a water or wastewater system, visualizing analytics through operational and dynamic dashboards, and creating tools that help office staff and field staff become more efficient in daily operations. This session will not use a PowerPoint but will be a live demonstration of the asset management tool and the dashboards that have been created to make using the tool simple for users.

2:30 – 2:40 BREAK

2:40 – 3:40 PSC Regulation of Municipal Utility Wholesale Rates: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You (Part 1)

Gerald Wuetcher, Stoll Keenon Ogden

While the Public Service Commission has regulated the wholesale rates that municipal utilities charge to PSC-regulated utilities for 20 years, recently it has become more aggressive, investigating proposed increases in wholesale rate that in earlier years would have been routinely accepted. This presentation examines the history of PSC regulation of municipal water utility wholesale rates, with an emphasis on recent regulatory trends. It discusses approaches to lessen the likelihood of a rate review, provides an overview of PSC procedures for such reviews, and identifies the most common issues that arise in those reviews. Presenter will examine tactics that a city can employ to defend its proposed rate increase and obtain a favorable result. He will also examine how PSC-regulated utilities can use PSC proceedings to effectively oppose or mitigate wholesale rate increases.

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Afternoon Sessions (continued)

- 3:40 – 3:50** **BREAK**
- 3:50 – 4:50** **PSC Regulation of Municipal Utility Wholesale Rates: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You (Part 2)**
Gerald Wuetcher, Stoll Keenon Ogden

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Morning Sessions

- 8:25 – 8:30** **Welcome – John Dix**
- 8:30 – 9:30** **Developing New Normals in an Ever-Changing Environment**
John Dix, President Kentucky Rural Water Association/Manager, Butler, Simpson and Warren County Water Districts
David Peterson, Executive Board, National Rural Water Association and Manager, Caveland Environmental Authority
As the utility industry emerges from the Covid-19 Pandemic, many changes that were addressed may become “new normals.” This session will discuss changes in the industry, including regulatory and legal, brought about by the events of the past few years from the perspective of both Kentucky Rural Water Association as well as the National Rural Water Association. Presenters will address changes at the state and federal levels that may impact Kentucky’s water and wastewater utilities.
- 9:30 – 10:00** **Energy and Environmental Issues**
Rebecca Goodman, Secretary, Energy and Environmental Cabinet
Not only were utilities impacted by the pandemic, state government agencies were hit hard by the events of the last couple of years as well. State offices were closed and state employees worked from home as best they could. This session will cover issues faced by the Energy and Environment Cabinet, how they have managed those changes, and how the “new normal” will impact their operations as well the operations of water and wastewater utilities.
- 10:00 – 10:15** **BREAK**
- 10:15 – 10:45** **PSC Utility Regulatory Issues – Update**
Linda Bridwell, Executive Director, Kentucky Public Service Commission
The PSC maintains regulatory responsibility for many of Kentucky’s water and wastewater utilities. Regulatory compliance can be quite challenging for utilities. This session will address some of the regulatory issues facing utilities and their plan for addressing concerns. Presenter will also explain emergency directions provided to address on-going concerns resulting from Covid-19.

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Morning Sessions (continued)

10:45 – 11:15 Local Government Issues - Update

Dennis Keene, Commissioner, Department for Local Government

The Department for Local Government (DLG), under the Office of the Governor, provides financial help in the way of grant and loan assistance, as well as advising local governments in matters of budget, personnel and other subjects relevant to those entities. Like other state agencies, DLG is facing “new normal” challenges. This session will offer updates on funding and will address issues affecting water and wastewater utilities in the Commonwealth.

11:15 – 11:45 Kentucky Infrastructure Authority - Funding Opportunities

Sandy Williams, Deputy Executive Director, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority

This session will explain funding opportunities that are available to water and wastewater utilities through KIA. Types of funds available for treatment facilities, collection and distribution systems, stormwater and or additional projects will be discussed. Guidelines will be offered for proper procedures to follow when submitting applications.

11:45 – 11:55 Closing Remarks – Gary Larimore