

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

**ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)
KENTUCKY RURAL WATER)
ASSOCIATION FOR ACCREDITATION) CASE NO. 2022-0031
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.

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), 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 March 8, 2022 at Oldham County Water District's office in LaGrange, Kentucky. The program is entitled "Water Commissioner Training/Oldham County Water District." A copy of the proposed agenda is attached to this application as **Exhibit 1**. This program will be conducted in-person for both the commissioners and presenters. The presenters, KRWA representatives, and Oldham County Water

District commissioners and staff in attendance at Oldham County Water District's office will abide by all COVID-19 safety protocols and social distancing measures.

6. As reflected in **Exhibit 1**, the proposed training program will include presentations on changes brought about by the 2021 Revisions to the Kentucky Underground Facility Protection Act; new drinking water regulations and how they will impact utilities, including significant financial burdens; recent developments in utility regulatory law, including a general overview of recent Kentucky court and Commission decisions; and steps that a PSC-regulated utility can take to effectively improve communication with the Public Service Commission to ensure positive outcomes for approvals and rulings. 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 KRA 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 session 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 the Oldham County 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 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

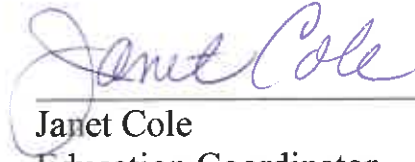
Service Commission.

13. KRWA will admit representatives of the Public Service Commission to the proposed training program to permit such representatives to access 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/Oldham County Water District" for six hours of water district management training.

Dated: January 31, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



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