

WATER COMMISSIONER TRAINING

Oldham County Water District

2160 Spencer Court LaGrange, KY 40031 Presented by

Kentucky Rural Water Association

March 8, 2022

9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Registration and Refreshments

9:40 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Welcome and Program Overview - Randall Kelley & Russ Rose

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Revisions to Kentucky's Underground Facility Protection Statute Randall Kelley, Kentucky Rural Water Association

Water and wastewater utilities are doubly affected by excavation work. Their utility lines are at risk of being damaged by people digging underground and they frequently dig underground themselves which may potentially damage other utility lines such as gas, electric, or fiber optic services. Recently, Kentucky's underground facility protection statue has been revised and it is crucial that decision makers and employees of utilities be aware of these changes. This presentation will address the changes brought about by the 2021 Revisions to the Kentucky Underground Facility Protection Act.

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

New Drinking Water Regulations and How They Will Impact Your Utility Arianna Lageman, Kentucky Rural Water Association

Drinking water regulations are always subject to change, sometimes in substantial ways. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has proposed significant changes to the Lead and Copper Rule. New requirements for utilities to identify and map all known sources of lead in their distribution system will potentially be costly in terms of dollars and manpower. The maps, along with new requirements for testing schools and day care centers, will mean utilities are also going to encounter major customer outreach challenges. Other regulations, such as upcoming PFAS/PFOS regulations also have the potential to significantly burden utility finances. Commissioners will have to stay ahead of this curve to meet these challenges.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Recent Developments in Utility Regulation (Part 1)

Damon Talley, Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC

This presentation reviews recent developments in public utility law and regulations. Topics include unaccounted water loss, revisions to the Open Meetings Act and Open Records Act, borrowing money, keeping Minutes, and laws enacted by the 2021 General Assembly. The presenter will also examine and discuss recent court and PSC decisions.

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Recent Developments in Utility Regulation (Part 2) Damon Talley, Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC

Continuation of the previous presentation.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ten Rules for Dealing Effectively with the Public Service Commission (Part 1) Gerald Wuetcher, Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC

This presentation discusses steps that a PSC regulated utility can take to: (1) obtain requested approvals and rulings from the PSC in more prompt manner; (2) better protect against adverse PSC actions and the negative publicity from such adverse actions; (3) improve the utility's relations with the Public Service Commission and PSC Staff, and (4) better position itself to address a changing and dynamic regulatory environment.

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. BREAK

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Ten Rules for Dealing Effectively with the Public Service Commission (Part 2) Gerald Wuetcher, Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC

Continuation of the previous presentation.

5:45 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Closing Remarks & Administrative Announcements - Randall Kelley & Russ Rose