

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)
KENTUCKY RURAL WATER)
ASSOCIATION FOR ACCREDITATION) CASE NO. 2022-00234
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),¹ 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 August 30-31, 2022 as part of our 43rd Annual Conference at the Central Bank Center in Lexington, Kentucky. The program is entitled “Water Commissioner Training.” A copy of the proposed agenda is attached to this Application at **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 measures in place at the time of the training.

¹ On July 22, 2022, 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 aging utility workforce which will include the results of two surveys designed to identify the challenges for utilities to recruit and retain operators; a review of the regulatory requirements governing funds received for the construction of facilities; a discussion of the role of a utility's Board in developing and implementing practices to foster a positive workplace; a perspective from the state and national level addressing changes brought about from the pandemic and a forecast for our bright future; an update from the Energy and Environmental Cabinet; regulatory issues facing utilities and how these problems may be addressed; funding opportunities and guidelines for procedures to follow when submitting applications; and tools and information to better compete when applying for project funding. 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 (three hours on Tuesday afternoon and three hours on Wednesday morning) 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. Not all presenters will utilize a PowerPoint for their presentation. The written materials that will be provided to each attendee are attached at **Exhibit 3**. Should a presenter revise or amend his or her presentation prior to their scheduled session or provide additional written materials for 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 the Ordered number of 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

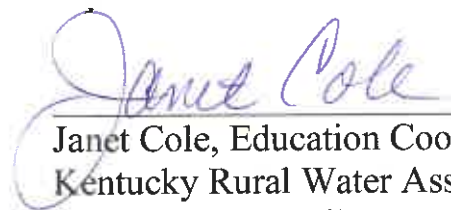
of the program's certification by certifying authorities and a copy of any written material given to the attendees that has not been previously provided to the Public Service Commission.

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: July 22, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



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