

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# Water Commissioner Training

**Galt House Hotel**  
140 North Fourth Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

Presented by  
**Kentucky Rural Water Association**  
August 29-30, 2023

## **Tuesday, August 29, 2023**

### Afternoon Sessions

- 1:25 – 1:30**      **Welcome and Program Overview – Randall Kelley, Education Director, Kentucky Rural Water Association**
- 1:30 – 2:30**      **Working to Fight Environmental Contamination: A Cost Recovery Program**  
**Sam Wade, Napoli Schkolnik, PLLC**  
PFAS chemicals, otherwise known as forever chemicals, have been found in water and wastewater effluent around the country, including Kentucky. The USEPA is implementing regulations in the attempt to limit and eliminate PFAS chemicals in drinking water. Utilities may be faced with significant infrastructure upgrade costs, monitoring and sampling costs, disposal fees, or even fines. As utilities are not the producers of these chemicals, the costs incurred by utilities to meet new standards will be unfairly passed on to their rate payers. In 2018, the National Rural Water Association engaged with the law firm of Napoli Shkolnik to represent the rural water network in PFAS cost recovery litigation. Attendees will receive the latest information from a legal perspective and learn the resources and efforts available to them.
- 2:30 – 2:40**      **BREAK**
- 2:40 – 3:40**      **Water Utility Tariff: Practical Considerations**  
**Gerald Wuetcher, Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC**  
A water utility's tariff offers a unique opportunity for them to structure the relationship with its customers. This presentation highlights various provisions that a water utility should include as part of a tariff to protect against financial and legal liability as well as avoid common customer disputes. In the first portion of his presentation, the presenter will discuss the statutory and regulatory framework for utility tariffs and the process by which a tariff may be revised. The presentation will conclude with some practical suggestions for improving a water utility's tariff. Recent PSC decisions on tariff matters will also be discussed.
- 3:40 – 3:50**      **BREAK**

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- 3:50 – 4:50**      **Legislative Changes Affecting Utilities**  
**Damon Talley and Cameron Myers, Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC**  
The 2023 Kentucky General Assembly passed several laws which impact water and wastewater utilities. The presenters will discuss these new laws which include: HB 360, which creates a new sales tax exemption for materials purchased by a contractor and installed for a utility; HB 522, which increases the procurement amount from \$30,000 to \$40,000 before a utility is required to advertise for bids; amendments to HB 8, which modifies the residential sales tax exemption for utility customers; and SB 263, which creates numerous incentives for utilities to consider regionalization.
- 4:50 – 5:00      **Closing Remarks – Randall Kelley, Education Director, Kentucky Rural Water Association**

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Morning Sessions

- 8:25 – 8:30**      **Welcome – Scott Young, Executive Director, Kentucky Rural Water Association**
- 8:30 – 8:45**      **Next Level: Insights from the National and State Level**  
**David Peterson, Executive Board for National Rural Water Association and CEO, Cavendish Environmental Authority**  
**Russ Rose, President, Kentucky Rural Water Association and CEO of Oldham Co. Water District**  
This session will offer a brief update on the vision for the utility industry from the national and state levels. Presenters will offer initiatives and programs of benefit to utilities across the nation. Kentucky Rural Water Association formation of a charitable foundation to help during times of natural disasters in the Commonwealth will also be highlighted.
- 8:45 – 9:30**      **Update from the USEPA**  
**Brian Smith, Chief, Safe Drinking Water Branch, Region 4**  
The mission of the EPA is to protect human health and the environment. They work to ensure that Americans have clean air, land and water. To accomplish this mission, the EPA sets national standards for states to enforce through their own regulations. This presentation will provide an update on strategic planning underway that may impact utilities in Kentucky.
- 9:30 – 10:15**      **Update from the PSC**  
**Kent Chandler, Chairman, Kentucky Public Service Commission**  
The mission of the Kentucky Public Service Commission is to foster the provision of safe and reliable service at a reasonable price to the customers of jurisdictional utilities while providing for the financial stability of those utilities by setting fair

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and just rates, and supporting their operational competence by overseeing regulated activities. Currently, the Commission has regulatory responsibility over many services, including water and sewage utilities. This session will provide an update on regulations and their enforcement requirements for water and wastewater utilities.

**10:15 – 10:30      BREAK**

**10:30 – 11:15      Update from the Kentucky Legislature  
Jason Petrie, Representative, 16<sup>th</sup> District**

This session will allow the sponsor of House Bill 9 to discuss the purpose and intent of the Bill with respect to water and wastewater utilities. The provisions of this Bill, as well as the activities of the Federal Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization will make a significant amount of funding available to Kentucky water and wastewater utilities.

**11:15 – 11:45      Update from KIA  
Sandy Williams, Executive Director, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority**

Basic infrastructure is a necessity for economic growth. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) was created in 1988 to provide the mechanism for funding construction of local public works projects. KIA is continually growing and expanding its services. In this session, participants will learn of financial help in the form of grant and loan assistance for water and wastewater needs.

**11:45 – 11:55      Closing Remarks – Scott Young, Executive Director, Kentucky Rural Water Association**