

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
 )  
**APPLICATION OF HENDERSON COUNTY** )  
**WATER DISTRICT AND JONATHAN EBLEN,** ) **CASE NO. 2023-00271**  
**A MEMBER OF THE HENDERSON COUNTY** )  
**WATER DISTRICT BOARD, FOR AN** )  
**EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE** )  
**REQUIRED TRAINING FOR NEWLY** )  
**REPORTED WATER DISTRICT** )  
**COMMISSION** )

**VERIFIED APPLICATION**

Pursuant to KRS 74.020(8) and (9), **HENDERSON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (“HCWD”)** and **JONATHAN EBLEN** (collectively “the Applicants”) apply to the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for an order authorizing a four (4) month extension of time, until December 6, 2023, for Commissioner Eblen to complete the training required for newly appointed district commissioners.

In support of their verified application the Applicants state:

1. The full name, post office address and telephone number of HCWD is:  
Henderson County Water District, Post Office Box 655, Henderson, KY 42419, (270) 826-9802. Its email address is: [pconrad@hendersoncountyky.gov](mailto:pconrad@hendersoncountyky.gov).
2. Commissioner Eblen’s full name and address is Jonathan Eblen, 23364 Hwy. 811, Owensboro, KY 42301. His email address is: [joneblen@gmail.com](mailto:joneblen@gmail.com).

3. Copies of an order, pleadings and communication related to this proceeding should be directed to:

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Henderson County Water District  
Post Office Box 655  
Henderson, KY 42420  
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Post Office Box 655  
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4. HCWD is not a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership. It has no articles of incorporation, articles of organization or partnership agreement.

5. HCWD is a water district created under the provisions of KRS Chapter 74.

6. KRS 365.015 does not require HCWD to file a certificate of assumed name.

7. Commissioner Eblen is a member of HCWD's Board of Commissioners. Henderson County Judge Executive Brad Schneider appointed Commissioner Eblen as a Commissioner on July 25, 2022, to complete the unexpired term of a previous

Commissioner. A copy of Commissioner Eblen's appointment is attached hereto as "Exhibit 1."

8. KRS 74.020(8)(a) requires the Public Service Commission to at least once annually, "provide or cause to be conducted a program of instruction, consisting of at least twelve (12) hours of instruction, that is intended to train newly appointed commissioners in the laws governing the management and operation of water districts and other subjects that the Public Service Commission deems appropriate."

9. KRS 74.020(b) requires a water district commissioner to complete such a program of instruction within twelve (12) months of his initial appointment. A commissioner that fails to complete that program within 12 months of his initial appointment forfeits his office and all right to discharge the duties of water district commissioner.

10. Through mis-communication between HCWD's former superintendent and Commissioner Eblen, HCWD failed to timely register Commissioner Eblen for educational requirements in the commissioner's first year of service.

11. The upcoming September and October educational training sessions present challenges to Commissioner Eblen who is a farmer and will be extremely busy during the fall harvest.

12. Commissioner Eblen plans to attend the water district commissioner training scheduled for December 5-6, 2023, in Frankfort, KY.

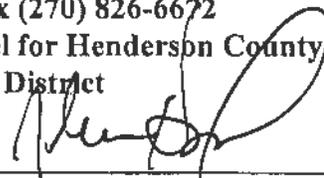
13. Commissioner Eblen is currently serving as a board member, has regularly attended meetings and is an effective contributor to the five (5) member board of commissioners. HCWD requests that Commissioner Eblen continue to serve as a commissioner pending this extension as leaving the HCWD Board with only four (4) members requires 3/4 attendance to constitute a quorum.

14. KRS 74.020(9) provides that “the Public Service Commission may grant a reasonable extension of time, not to exceed six (6) months, for completing the training requirements” of KRS 74.020(8).

15. HCWD submits that good cause exists to grant the required extension.

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Water District

By \_\_\_\_\_



**J. Christopher Hopgood**  
**chopgood@dkgnlaw.com**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF HENDERSON

The undersigned **KENNETH RIDEOUT**, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Chairman of the Board of Henderson County Water District; that he has read this application and has noted its contents; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and as to those matters, he believes same to be true.

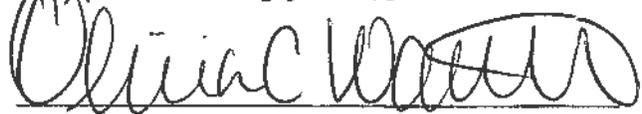


KENNETH RIDEOUT

11th day of August, 2023. Subscribed and sworn to before me by **KENNETH RIDEOUT** on this

My commission expires

April 18, 2027



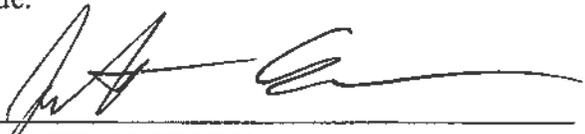
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The undersigned **JONATHAN EBLEN** being duly sworn, deposes and states that he has read this application and has noted its contents; that the same is true of his own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and as to those matters, he believes same to be true.

  
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**JONATHAN EBLEN**

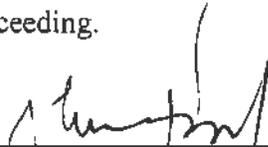
Subscribed and sworn to before me by **JONATHAN EBLEN** on this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of August, 2023.

My commission expires April 18, 2027

  
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Notary Public  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, I certify that this document was submitted electronically to the Public Service Commission on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and that there are currently no parties that the Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding.

  
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J. Christopher Hopgood



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HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST

June 28, 2022

Mr. Pete Conrad  
Henderson County Water District  
655 S. Main Street  
Henderson, KY 42420

Dear Pete:

Per your request and his agreement, Henderson County Fiscal Court in its meeting on June 28, 2022, has appointed Jonathan Eblen to the Henderson County Water Board to fill the unexpired term of David Spainhoward, who has resigned. Jonathan's term will end on October 24, 2023. This appointment was a unanimous vote of the Fiscal Court.

Sincerely,

Brad Schneider  
County Judge/Executive

