COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF SOUTH HOPKINS WATER)DISTRICT AND INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONER)ROBERT TUCKER FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME)TO COMPLETE REQUIRED WATER DISTRICT)MANAGEMENT TRAINING)2024-00398

APPLICATION

Comes now, South Hopkins Water District ("South Hopkins" or "Applicant") and Commissioner Robert Tucker by counsel, pursuant to KRS 74.020(9), hereby submits this Application for an Enlargement or Extension of KRS 74.020(6) authorizing a less than six-month extension of time, until May 6, 2025, for Commissioner Tucker to complete required water district training required for commissioners pursuant to KRS 74.020(6) to qualify for more than \$3,600.00 in salary for the calendar year ending December 31, 2024.

In support of this Application, the parties state as follows:

- South Hopkins Water District is a water district organized pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and located at 129 S Main St, Dawson Springs, KY 42408.
 South Hopkins Water District's business phone number is (270) 797-5760.
- Copies of all orders, pleadings, and other communications related to this proceeding should be directed to:

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- 3. South Hopkins Water District is not a corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership. It has no articles of incorporation or partnership agreements.
- 4. South Hopkins Water District is a water district created pursuant to KRS Chapter 74.
- KRS 365.015 does not require South Hopkins Water District to file a Certificate of Assumed Name.
- 6. Pursuant to KRS 74.020(6), Commissioner Tucker is permitted to receive an annual salary of \$3,600 for his service as a commissioner for the South Hopkins Water District and may receive additional salary not more than \$6,000 if he completes a minimum of six instructional hours of water district management training approved by the Public Service Commission.
- Commissioner Tucker was initially appointed to the South Hopkins Water District on June 8, 2001. His current term is set to expire on May 6, 2025.
- 8. In the calendar year 2024, Commissioner Tucker received more than \$3,600.00 in salary for his service as a commissioner for the South Hopkins Water District.
- 9. Because of his salary, Commissioner Tucker was required to complete six (6) hours of commissioner training no later than December 31, 2024, pursuant to KRS 74.020(6).
- 10. In 2024, Commissioner Tucker was unable to attend the necessary training. Mr. Tucker has limited mobility, due to a previous stroke, and had planned to attend a training later in the year. When Mr. Tucker checked on the availability of training opportunities in the last 5 months of 2024, he realized that no training opportunities were close enough to his home to allow his attendance without an overnight stay. Because of Mr. Tucker's condition, Mr. Tucker needs the ability to attend a training that is close to his home and allows him to commute to the training.

- 11. Pursuant to KRS 74.020(9), the Commission "may grant a reasonable extension of time, not to exceed six (6) months for completing the training requirements of [KRS 74.020] subsection (6)..."
- 12. If an extension is approved, Commissioner Tucker will commit to complete 12 hours of training in 2025, including the 6 hours associated with the extension of time he requests now.
- 13. South Hopkins Water District and Commissioner Tucker believe that they have shown good cause to allow for this extension and that the amount of time requested for the extension is reasonable.
- 14. South Hopkins Water District and Commissioner Tucker respectfully request that the Public Service Commission grant Commissioner Tucker an extension of time until May 6, 2025 to complete his commissioner training with the understanding that his intent is to complete such training before if training options allow.

WHEREFORE, South Hopkins Water District and Commissioner Tucker respectfully request that the Public Service Commission:

- 1. Issue an Order extending the time in which Commissioner Tucker must complete six (6) instructional hours of water district management training to qualify for a salary above \$3,600.00 for the year ending December 31, 2024;
- Issue an Order extending time in which Commissioner Tucker is permitted to complete his 2024 commissioner training until May 6, 2025;

3.. Grant any and all other relief to which South Hopkins Water District and Commissioner Tucker may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certification of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this Application has been filed electronically with the Commission on December 17, 2024 and there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means. Pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, a paper copy of this filing has not been transmitted to the Commission.

/s/ Lindsay Durbin

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