

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF)	
CHRISTIAN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT)	
AND INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONER)	CASE NO.
ASHBEL BRUNSON FOR AN EXTENSION)	2026-00009
OF TIME TO COMPLETE REQUIRED)	
WATER DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TRAINING)	

APPLICATION

The Christian County Water District (“**CCWD**”) and Commissioner Ashbel Brunson, by counsel, pursuant to KRS 74.020(9), and hereby submits this Application for an Enlargement or Extension of KRS 74.020(6) authorizing a reasonable extension of time, not to exceed six (6) months, for Commissioner Brunson to complete required water district commissioner training necessary to qualify for compensation above the base \$3,600.00. In support of this Application, the parties state as follows:

1. CCWD is a water district organized pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes with offices located at 1940 Dawson Springs Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. CCDW's mailing address is P.O. Box 7, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42241. Its business telephone number is 270-886-3696.

2. Copies of all orders, pleadings, and other communications related to this proceeding should be directed to:

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3. CCWD is not a corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership. It has no articles of incorporation or partnership agreements.

4. CCWD is a water district created pursuant to KRS Chapter 74.

5. KRS 365.015 does not require CCWD to file a Certificate of Assumed Name.

6. Pursuant to KRS 74.020(6), Commissioner Ashbel Brunson is permitted to receive an annual salary of \$3,600.00 for service as a commissioner and may receive additional salary not more than \$6,000.00 if the Commissioner completes a minimum of six (6) instructional hours of water district management training approved by the Public Service Commission.

7. Commissioner Brunson has served CCWD for over two decades. He was reappointed to the District's Board of Commissioners on January 1, 2026, with his current term expiring on December 31, 2029.

8. During the calendar year 2025, Commissioner Brunson received compensation in excess of \$3,600.00 and, therefore, is required to satisfy the training requirement of KRS 74.020(6).

9. Accordingly, Commissioner Brunson was required to complete the required six (6) hours of commissioner training no later than December 31, 2025, pursuant to KRS 74.020(6).

10. Commissioner Brunson was unable to attend PSC-approved commissioner training during 2025 due to extenuating family circumstances, including caregiving responsibilities related to a family member's illness and subsequent death, which required the

Commissioner's attention and prevented attendance during available training dates. An Affidavit explaining the Commissioner's extenuating circumstances and his plan for completing the training is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

11. The Commissioner's failure to complete training was not willful or deliberate. The Commissioner intends to satisfy the training requirement as soon as practicable and has taken steps to identify upcoming PSC-approved training opportunities in 2026.

12. 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(6).

13. If an extension is approved, Commissioner Brunson will complete twelve (12) hours of commissioner training in 2026, including the six (6) hours necessary for the extension period, with the understanding that six (6) hours will satisfy the 2025 requirement and the additional six (6) hours will satisfy the 2026 requirement.

14. The District and Commissioner believe good cause exists for the requested extension, and the amount of time requested is reasonable.

15. The District and Commissioner respectfully request that the Commission grant Commissioner Ashbel Brunson an extension of time until June 30, 2026 to complete the required training.

WHEREFORE, Christian County Water District and Commissioner Ashbel Brunson respectfully request that the Public Service Commission:

A. Issue an Order extending the time in which Commissioner Ashbel Brunson must complete six (6) instructional hours of PSC-approved water district management training to qualify for a salary above \$3,600.00 for the year ending December 31, 2025;

B. Issue an Order extending the time in which Commissioner Ashbel Brunson is permitted to complete the required commissioner training until June 30, 2026; and

C. Grant any and all other relief to which the Applicants may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted, this 9th day of January 2026.

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Application has been filed electronically with the Commission on January 9th, 2026, 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/ Mary E. Jocelyn _____

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