

EXHIBIT 1

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

[Electronically Filed]

In the matter of:

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

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

Comes the undersigned, Ashbel Brunson, Commissioner of the Christian County Water District, and after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. My name is Ashbel Brunson. I am an adult resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and I am currently serving as a Commissioner of the Christian County Water District ("CCWD"). I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this Affidavit, and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

2. I submit this Affidavit in support of the Application of Christian County Water District and Commissioner Ashbel Brunson for an Extension of Time to Complete Required Water District Management Training, filed pursuant to KRS 74.020(9).

3. I understand that, pursuant to KRS 74.020(6), I am required to complete at least six (6) instructional hours of PSC-approved water district management training in order to qualify for compensation in excess of the base annual salary of \$3,600.00, up to the statutory maximum of \$6,000.00.

4. I was unable to complete the required training during calendar year 2025 due to severe and unexpected family circumstances relating to my wife's illness and death.

5. Specifically, during 2025, my wife was diagnosed with cancer, and the illness progressed rapidly and aggressively. From the time of her diagnosis through the end of her life, she required substantial and ongoing care. As her husband, I was required to provide daily support, assistance with her care, transportation to appointments, and help with her needs at home.

6. The intensity and demands of my wife's illness and care needs made it impossible for me to leave town for extended periods to attend PSC-approved training sessions. This precluded me from attending the Pennyriple Regional Training during the spring of 2025, as I could not travel away from my wife during her treatment and decline.

7. Following my wife's death, I continued to face unavoidable personal obligations, including the need to close out her affairs, manage related administrative responsibilities, and grieve the loss of my spouse. During that period, I was not able to travel out of town to attend training due to these responsibilities and the need for time to recover emotionally and practically from her passing.

8. My failure to complete training in 2025 was not willful, deliberate, or due to neglect. Rather, the circumstances were beyond my control and required my presence at home.

9. I remain committed to complying with the training requirements under Kentucky law and to serving the Christian County Water District responsibly.

10. I intend to complete the two-day PSC-approved training session scheduled for April 21–22, 2026, at Pennyriple State Resort Park; however, if I am unable to attend that session due to circumstances beyond my control, I will complete the next available two-day PSC-approved training session scheduled for June 23–24, 2026, at the Delta Hotel in Ashland, Kentucky, and will provide verification of completion as required, which is why I believe an extension through June 30, 2026 is appropriate.

11. I respectfully request that the Public Service Commission grant the requested extension under KRS 74.020(9) so that I may complete the required hours by the extended deadline.

12. I make this Affidavit to demonstrate good cause for the requested extension and to affirm my commitment to completing the required PSC-approved commissioner training.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

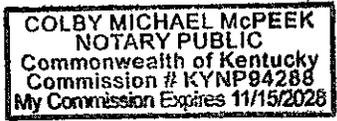
This 8th day of January 2026.



Commissioner Ashbel Brunson
Christian County Water District

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
) SCT.
COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN)

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO, AND ACKNOWLEDGED before me by Commissioner Ashbel
Brunson, this 8th day of January 2026.



My Commission Expires:

Colby McPeeck
NOTARY PUBLIC