

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY)
WATER DISTRICT FOR ACCREDITATION AND) CASE NO. 2010-00068
APPROVAL OF A COURSE OF TRAINING FOR)
WATER DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS)

ORDER

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:070, Northern Kentucky Water District (“NKWD”) has applied for accreditation and approval of two one-hour programs of instruction that were scheduled to be conducted during its Board of Commissioners meetings on March 18, 2010 and April 19, 2010 respectively.

Pursuant to KRS 74.020(7), this Commission is required to “encourage and promote the offering of high quality water district management training programs that enhance a water district commissioner’s understanding of his or her responsibilities and duties.” We have previously held that such programs could include “in-house” programs of instruction that are conducted as part of a board of commissioners meeting and that a water district administers rather than an independent governmental or non-governmental organization.¹

NKWD requests approval for two one-hour presentations: “Drinking Water Update” and “Pavement Coordination System – ‘Envista.’” The first presentation, which an official of the Kentucky Division of Water presented on March 18, 2010, addressed

¹ Case No. 2007-00387, *Northern Kentucky Water District* (Ky. PSC Feb. 28, 2008).

recent revisions to federal and state drinking water laws. The second provided an overview of software for infrastructure planning coordination that the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission recently deployed and that is used to coordinate NKWD's construction planning with other northern Kentucky governmental units.²

While the first presentation involves a subject that 807 KAR 5:070, Section 2(1) lists as appropriate for accreditation, the second presentation does not. The second presentation appears to involve an aspect of NKWD's operations – the coordination of its construction projects – and appears designed less to provide general training or information related to water system management and operation than to provide specific information on NKWD's operations. While the presentation may be useful to NKWD's Board of Commissioners, it is part of a routine management and oversight process and should not be accredited.³

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. NKWD's presentation "Drinking Water Update" is accredited and approved for one credit hour of water district management training.
2. NKWD's application for accreditation and approval of the presentation "Pavement Coordination System – 'Envista'" is denied.
3. NKWD shall retain a record of all persons attending the accredited and approved presentation.

² See Press Release, Envista Corporation, Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission Charts Infrastructure Renewal Road Map Using Envista Technology (May 12, 2009) (found at <http://www.envista.com/northern-kentucky>).

³ See Case No. 2009-00084, *Application of Northern Kentucky Water District for Accreditation and Approval of Water Commissioner Training* (Ky. PSC Apr. 9, 2009).

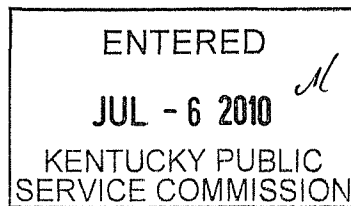
4. Within 14 days of the date of this Order, NKWD shall file with the Commission:

a. A sworn statement attesting that the accredited instruction was performed;

b. If any changes in the presenters or the proposed curriculum occurred after NKWD's application, a description of those changes; and

c. The name of each water district commissioner who attended; his or her water district, and the number of hours that he or she attended.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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