

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

TARIFF FILING OF RATTLESNAKE RIDGE)
WATER DISTRICT TO REVISE ITS METER) CASE NO. 2013-00471
CONNECTION CHARGES)

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO RATTLESNAKE RIDGE WATER DISTRICT

Rattlesnake Ridge Water District ("Rattlesnake Ridge"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than 15 days from the date of this Request for Information. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Rattlesnake Ridge shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to

which Rattlesnake Ridge fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Rattlesnake Ridge shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure its legibility. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

1. Provide the minutes of each meeting of Rattlesnake Ridge's Board of Commissioners in which the proposed revision to meter connection charges was discussed.

2. Provide the resolution of Rattlesnake Ridge's Board of Commissioners in which the proposed revision to meter connection charges was approved or, if no resolution was separately prepared, the minutes of the meeting of Rattlesnake Ridge's Board of Commissioners in which the proposed rates were approved.

3. List separately for each calendar year from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, the total number of Rattlesnake Ridge's:

- a. New meter connections;
- b. New 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meter connections;
- c. New 1-inch meter connections;
- d. New 2-inch meter connections; and
- e. New larger meter connections.

4. State the number of spare meters that Rattlesnake Ridge has in its inventory as of December 31, 2013.

5. State the number of meters that Rattlesnake Ridge seeks to maintain in its inventory.

6. State the number of meters that Rattlesnake Ridge purchases when it orders 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meters.

7. For each of Rattlesnake Ridge's last five purchases of 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meters, state the date the order was made, the vendor, and the number of meters purchased.

8. Identify by name and address each vendor from whom Rattlesnake Ridge solicited a bid or estimate regarding meters in the course of preparing its proposed rate revision. Provide a copy of any documentation supporting the water meter cost listed on the Average Meter Connection Expense Cost Justification form ("Application"), Section B.

9. State whether, in Rattlesnake Ridge's opinion and experience, the cost per unit for meters is less when the purchase order is for a number of meters rather than one meter.

10. Identify by name and address each vendor from whom Rattlesnake Ridge solicited a bid or estimate regarding meter-setting materials in the course of preparing its Application. Provide a copy of any documentation supporting the costs listed on the Application, Section B.

11. Describe how Rattlesnake Ridge determined the number of hours of labor required for installing a meter.

12. For each meter installation performed from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, state the meter size, type of service (short-side or long-side), and the number of hours required for the installation.

13. List all activities performed in installation labor expense for both short-side and long-side service and the amount of time for each activity. Explain how Rattlesnake Ridge determined the amount of time for each activity.

14. In its calculation of Installation Labor Expense, Rattlesnake Ridge assumes an hourly wage rate of \$85.36.

a. Explain how this rate was determined.

b. State the number of Rattlesnake Ridge employees whose primary duties include the installation of water meters.

c. State the hourly wage rate of each current Rattlesnake Ridge employee whose primary duties include the installation of water meters.

d. State whether the hourly wage rates provided in response to Item 14(c) includes any of the following: employer social security tax, employer Medicare tax, employer retirement plan contribution, workers' compensation insurance, sick leave pay, annual leave pay, or employer health insurance contribution.

15. In its calculation of Installation Equipment Expense, Rattlesnake Ridge assumes an hourly wage rate of \$75.00.

a. Explain how this rate was determined.

b. List each type of equipment that is included in Installation Equipment Expense.

c. For each type of equipment listed in response to Item 15(b), state whether it is used for both types of service (i.e., short-side or long-side). If not used for both types, identify the type of service for which the equipment is used.

d. For each type of equipment listed in response to Item 15(b), state whether Rattlesnake Ridge owns such equipment. If Rattlesnake Ridge owns any equipment identified in response to Item 15(b), identify the year of acquisition and the acquisition cost.

16. Explain how Rattlesnake Ridge determined the amount of time for Installation Equipment Expense. Provide all records and show all calculations that Rattlesnake Ridge used to make its determination.

17. To the extent that Installation Equipment Expense involves the rental of equipment, identify all suppliers from whom Rattlesnake Ridge has rented equipment for installing meters during the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, and provide a copy of the rental agreements.

18. Identify all persons from whom Rattlesnake Ridge solicited a bid or estimate regarding equipment rental listed in response to Item 15(b) in the course of preparing its proposed rates.

19. Refer to the Application, Section F.

a. Describe the equipment that is listed under other.

b. For the equipment described in response to Item 19(a), state whether it is used for both types of service (i.e., short-side or long-side). If not used for both types, identify the type of service for which the equipment is used. Explain why the equipment is listed in Section F of the form and not Section E.

c. If Rattlesnake Ridge owns the equipment described in response to Item 19(a), identify the year of acquisition and the acquisition cost.

d. Explain how Rattlesnake Ridge determined the cost for the equipment component of Installation Miscellaneous Expense. Provide all records and show all calculations that Rattlesnake Ridge used to make its determination.

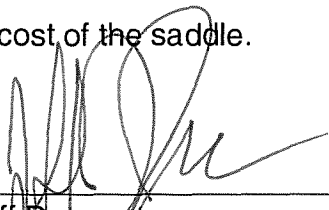
e. To the extent that the equipment component of Installation Miscellaneous Expense involves the rental of equipment, identify all suppliers from whom Rattlesnake Ridge has rented such equipment during the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, and provide a copy of the rental agreements.

f. Identify all persons from whom Rattlesnake Ridge solicited a bid or estimate regarding such equipment rental in the course of preparing its proposed rates.

20. List all activities included in the administrative expense of \$30.00 and the amount of time that each activity takes. Explain how Rattlesnake Ridge determined the amount of time for each activity.

21. Show all calculations that Rattlesnake Ridge used to develop its estimate for administrative expense.

22. Explain why the Application includes two forms for 5/8-inch x 3/4-inch meter, with the sole difference being the size and cost of the saddle.



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