

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC FARMDALE WATER DISTRICT'S)	
UNACCOUNTED-FOR WATER LOSS)	CASE NO.
REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE AND)	2020-00217
MONITORING)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO FARMDALE WATER DISTRICT

Farmdale Water District (Farmdale District), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on May 24, 2024. The Commission directs Farmdale District to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and 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 the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Farmdale District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Farmdale District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

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

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned material to ensure that it is legible. 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. When filing a paper containing personal information, Farmdale District shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Plan (QIIP) filed February 29, 2024.

- a. Refer to Completed Projects and Purchases, Section 1, The South Benson Project, pages 3–4. Provide a timeline of when the repairs for the South Benson Project were performed.

b. Refer to Completed Projects and Purchases, Section 3, Repair of Water Leaks, page 5. Provide the location, description of the two significant leaks and what action was taken to repair those leaks.

c. Refer to Completed Projects and Purchases, Section 4, Removal of Inactive Meters, page 5.

(1) Provide a list of how many meters have been replaced each month during calendar years 2022 and 2023.

(2) Provide the list of known inactive meters in the process of being pulled, and the timeframe in which those meters will be pulled.

d. Refer to Completed Projects and Purchases, Section 6, Purchase of Equipment to Locate Leaks and Maintain System, page 6.

(1) Provide the make and model of the Ground Penetrating Radar purchased and any supporting documentation or invoice related to the acquisition and purchase of this equipment.

(2) Provide the make and model of the Mini-Excavator. Explain the necessity of the purchase of the Mini-Excavator, and what projects it has been used for since purchase.

(3) Provide the make and model of the truck purchased for \$14,187. Explain the necessity of the purchase of the truck. Confirm whether this vehicle is exclusively used for purposes of leak detection and repairs, or if the truck is used for other functions.

(4) Describe the trailer purchased for \$7,100. Explain the necessity of the purchase of the trailer and what projects it has been used for since purchase.

2. Refer to the QIIP filed February 29, 2024, Proposed Projects to Reduce Water Loss, Section 1, Replacement of Asbestos Cement Water Line, pages 7–8.

a. Explain how the scope of the asbestos cement water line replacement project is being reduced.

b. Confirm whether Farmdale District proposes to use any water loss surcharge funds toward this project. If not confirmed, identify the funding source.

3. Refer to the QIIP filed February 29, 2024, Proposed Expenditures for Meters, pages 9–11.

a. Provide a breakdown or estimate of how many of the previously installed Sensus iPERL meters registered “slow,” how many stopped registering water usage, how many had erratic and unreliable readings, how many stopped functioning, and how many still work properly. Include in the information the criteria used to categorize the meters as well as any necessary definitions.

b. Provide the number of Sensus iPERL meters remaining in the system, which Farmdale District plans to replace.

c. Provide the number of meters Farmdale District plans to replace each year, over how many years, and the total estimated cost for completing replacement of its meters with the Sensus iPERL meters.

d. Explain whether Farmdale District has considered purchasing a testing bench for its meters, or whether it has performed any study on whether it would be more economical and efficient to perform meter testing in-house.



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