

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC SOUTH HOPKINS WATER)	
DISTRICT UNACCOUNTED-FOR WATER LOSS)	CASE NO.
REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE AND)	2023-00018
MONITORING)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT

South Hopkins Water District (South Hopkins 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 June 7, 2024. The Commission directs South Hopkins 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.

South Hopkins District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if South Hopkins 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 South Hopkins District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, South Hopkins 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, South Hopkins 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 Comprehensive Corrective Action Plan filed on May 31, 2023, in compliance with the Commission's February 14, 2023 Order requiring South Hopkins District to file a Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Plan (QIIP), Corrective Actions, No. 1, Line Replacement.

- a. State whether South Hopkins District has obtained any funding from grants or otherwise for the proposed line replacement project.

b. State whether South Hopkins District proposes to use any water loss surcharge funds towards the line replacement project in the future, and if so, any estimate of the amount it intends to expend from the water loss surcharge.

2. Refer to QIIP, Correction Actions, No. 2, Pump Stations. Explain whether South Hopkins District intends to use any water loss surcharge funds towards the routine maintenance of the pump stations.

3. Refer to QIIP, Corrective Actions, No. 4, Staffing & Contracting.

a. Provide the amount of salary that South Hopkins District proposes to pay the two dedicated employees for leak detection and repairs, including the amount of benefits, if any.

b. State whether South Hopkins District has obtained any bids for contract employees for the purpose of loss reduction, and if so, provide any documentation of any proposed rates for contract employee salary.

c. Provide the amount of hours for each part time employee per month that South Hopkins intends to hire for leak detection and loss reduction.

4. Refer to QIIP, Corrective Actions, No. 5, Adequate Vehicle.

a. State whether South Hopkins District submitted an insurance claim when the Superintendent's vehicle was destroyed in the 2021 tornado, and whether any insurance payment was made to South Hopkins District as a result. If not, why not.

b. State whether the actions listed for the Superintendent's vehicle, including hauling generators to pump stations during power outages and getting to pump stations during inclement weather, are directly related to water loss reduction. Provide

any other activities the proposed vehicle would be used for, and whether they are directly related to water loss reduction.

5. Refer to QIIP, Corrective Actions, No. 6, Reliable Trucks.

a. Provide the current condition of the vehicles referenced as aging and high mileage, and explain any issues with the vehicles' reliability.

b. Provide the number of vehicles South Hopkins District intends to purchase with water loss surcharge funds, as well as any estimates for any vehicles that South Hopkins District has obtained for any such vehicles.

c. Provide the activities the proposed replacement vehicles for staff would be used for, and whether they are directly related to water loss reduction.

6. Refer to QIIP, Corrective Actions, No. 7, Large Equipment.

a. State whether South Hopkins District submitted an insurance claim following the accident in which the backhoe sustained damage, and whether any insurance payment was made to South Hopkins District as a result.

b. Provide the current condition of the backhoe, and explain whether it is still operable, and any current damage that has not been repaired.

c. Provide a list of activities South Hopkins District would use a new backhoe for, and explain whether they are directly related to water loss reduction.



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