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April 11, 2025

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2023-00018

Notice is given to all parties that the attached South Hopkins Water District Informal Conference Memorandum and attendance list has been filed into the record of this proceeding.

If you have any comments you would like to make regarding the contents of the document, please do so within five days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Fell, Staff Attorney, at [Jennifer.Fell@ky.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Fell@ky.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda C. Bridwell".

Linda C. Bridwell, PE  
Executive Director

Attachment

## INTRA-AGENCY MEMORANDUM

### KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**TO:** Case File No. 2023-00018

**FROM:** Jennifer Fell, Staff Attorney

**DATE:** April 10, 2025

**RE:** Informal Conference of April 9, 2025

Pursuant to a Staff Notice issued on March 24, 2025, an informal conference (IC) was conducted on April 9, 2025. Attached is a copy of the attendance roster.

The purpose of the IC was to discuss several requests for approval to expend water loss surcharge funds.

South Hopkins Water District (South Hopkins District) answered questions regarding its request to expend water loss surcharge funds for 200 meters, and its broader plan to replace customer meters system-wide if possible. South Hopkins District informed Staff it is currently working to obtain a United States Department of Agriculture loan and applying for a Cleaner Water Grant to assist with the cost of meter replacements. Staff cautioned that, depending on the scope and cost of the potential meter replacement project, South Hopkins should consult with counsel as to whether any Commission approval may be necessary.

Staff also requested that South Hopkins District provide documentation of the materials for leak repairs for which it has requested approval for expenditure from the water loss surcharge. While South Hopkins has submitted invoices for the proposed meter replacements discussed above, there is currently no monetary amount, list of proposed supplies, or invoices or estimates in the record in support of this request.

South Hopkins District confirmed that no part-time employee has been hired yet, as proposed to assist with leak detection.

Staff further discussed concerns regarding the proposed purchase of a thermal imaging drone, as to whether South Hopkins District would have personnel to operate the drone, and whether any licensing might be necessary due to the commercial nature of the drone. South Hopkins District stated it had been in contact with another water district that was utilizing the same type of drone to assess water leaks in rural areas, and it believes the drone would be helpful for South Hopkins District, as much of the district is in rural hard-to-reach areas as well. Staff informed South Hopkins District it will likely issue a request for information to obtain further details regarding South Hopkins District's proposal regarding the drone.

South Hopkins District expressed its frustration that it had not received approval for several of its requests for approval of expenditures, and Staff discussed that further information was necessary to review some of the requests, and that Staff would present all information obtained from this IC, as well as any further requests for information, in a timely manner to the Commission for its decision regarding the requests.

There being no further discussion, the IC was then adjourned.

cc: Parties of Record

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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

April 9, 2025

Please sign in:

NAME	REPRESENTING
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<u>Taylor Aubrey</u>	<u>PSC – Division of Financial Analysis</u>
<u>Taylor Stamper</u>	<u>PSC – Inspections Division</u>
<u>Kayla Goodaker</u>	<u>South Hopkins Water District</u>
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