

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 FOURTH 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 December 20, 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 South Hopkins District's Request to Use Surcharge Funds,² which requested the use of surcharge funds for an initial purchase of 200 meters and stated South Hopkins District would gradually purchase meters for the rest of the district.

a. Explain the need for the replacement of the entirety of South Hopkins District's meters.

² South Hopkins District's Request Letter (filed Aug. 16, 2024).

(1) Provide a breakdown of the average age for each type of meter (residential, commercial, etc.) listed in South Hopkins District's Updated Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Plan (QIIP).

(2) Provide a breakdown for the number of years all meters have been in service.

(3) Explain any problems South Hopkins District is experiencing with its existing meters.

(4) Explain whether any of South Hopkins District's current meters are under warranty, and whether any warranty claims have been made if South Hopkins District has experienced any problems with the meters.

b. Explain if there is any particular support or reason for the initial number of 200 meter replacements.

c. Refer to the 2023 Annual Report filed by South Hopkins District. Provide the meter replacement project as a percentage of the total net plant in service.

d. Provide an estimate of the the ongoing Operating and Maintenance (O&M) of the meters once replacement is completed.

2. Provide a copy of all requests for proposals and responses to the requests for proposals related to the meter replacement project.

a. Provide the percentage of meters South Hopkins District intends to replace based on the current number of active meters.

b. Explain how South Hopkins District intends to prioritize the replacement of meters. Include in the explanation any specific examples of reasons for prioritization.

c. Explain whether South Hopkins District has a timeline for the plan to replace meters for the remainder of the district.

(1) If so, provide a detailed explanation, including the number of meters to be purchased, the proposed timeline for purchase of those meters, and any quote or estimate South Hopkins may have for the cost of the purchase and installation of the additional meters.

(2) If not, explain why.

3. Refer to South Hopkins District's Updated QIIP filed on October 7, 2024. Provide the number of hours and salary for the proposed part time staff member included in the Updated QIIP.



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