

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CITY OF DRAKESBORO D/B/A)	
DRAKESBORO NATURAL GAS)	
COMPANY)	
_____)	
)	
ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED)	CASE NO.
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH)	2019-00065
KRS 278.495, 807 KAR 5:027, AND)	
49 C.F.R. PART 192)	

RESPONSE TO SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Comes now, the City of Drakesboro (hereafter the “City”), by counsel, and for its response states and responds as follows:

1. Refer to USDI Retainer agreement filed on February 8, 2023.
 - a. Provide copies of all correspondence with USDI;
See attached documents.
 - b. Provide copies of all invoices from USDI;
See attached invoices.
 - c. State all tasks currently being provided by USDI;
Operator qualification testing, leak surveys, readings on anode testing, odorant delivery, rectifier, welding related leaks or new services installed on steel mains, any engineering services such as moving natural gas valves and pipeline (when necessary).

d. State whether Drakesboro intends to delegate additional tasks to USDI.

Drakesboro will delegate any tasks that arises that goes beyond the operator qualifications of Drakesboro employees.

2. Provide copies of all Drakesboro Council meeting minutes pertaining to the natural gas distribution system.

See Exhibit “Meeting Minutes”. This does not go back to the beginning of the system but goes back several years. If more years are needed or wanted, please advise.

3. Refer to Drakesboro’s response to Commission Staff’s First Request for Information, Item 7.

a. State whether Brian Jones has resigned.

No.

b. State Drakesboro’s plan for hiring and training any new operators.

There are no plans to hire additional operators.

c. State Drakesboro’s plan and timeline for further training Bryan Allard.

Drakesboro has partnered with USDI and this company is finishing his online for Energy Worldnet (and this course will be finished by next week). The remaining training will be hands-on.

4. Describe any efforts Drakesboro has made to investigate the alternative of selling or transferring its natural gas distribution system to another operator.

None known.

5. Refer to the “Grant_program_information” document filed on February 8, 2023, pertaining to the Natural Gas Distribution System Infrastructure and Modernization Grant.

a. If an application was filed, provide a copy of the application and identify the status of the application;

The new administration is searching for the application and will provide it.

The application is still pending.

b. If an application was not filed; **n/a**

(1) Explain why this grant was not applied for;

(2) State whether Drakesboro can reapply for another grant for this program;

(3) State when the next application deadline is:

(4) State when Drakesboro plans to file an application.

6. Refer to the October 20, 2021 letter from the Department for Local Government filed on February 8, 2023.

a. If this document signed by an agent of Drakesboro, provide a copy of the document with that signature.

It is unknown at the time of this response whether or not a signed copy was provided in response to the letter. Counsel has spoken with Jared Nelson and he will provide a copy of this letter if it is available.

- b. If this document was signed by an agent of Drakesboro, provide an update on the status of this grant, including the date and attendees of the grant agreement meeting referenced in the letter, and a copy of the grant agreement.

At this time, there is not a grant agreement and there has been no grant meeting that is known. Based on a conversation with Jared Nelson from the granting organization. This grant is on hold and has not been cancelled, pending Drakesboro finding matching grants. It is unclear how long this will be held. Drakesboro is working with First Southern National Bank on a loan in relation to this grant.

- c. If this document was not signed by an agent of Drakesboro;

- (1) Explain why this grant was allowed to expire; **n/a**

- (2) State whether Drakesboro can reapply for another grant from this program; **At this time, Drakesboro is working on meeting the current grant requirements rather than seeking to complete a new application for a grant with this entity.**

- (3) State when the next application deadline is; **See above**

- (4) State when Drakesboro plans to file an application. **See above.**

- 7. Refer to the Commission's February 25, 2021 Order, page 72, paragraph 3(a) regarding Phase 1 construction, described in Exhibit A to Drakesboro's post-hearing brief. Identify Drakesboro's Phase I:

- a. Progress:

- b. Financing Plan;

- c. Timeline for Completion;
- d. Construction plan, including;
 - (1) Current cost estimates;
 - (2) Plan to ensure system safety while construction is ongoing;
 - (3) Plan to minimize or mitigate any necessary service outages.
- e. **No progress at this time to the knowledge of Brian Jones. There may have been some areas replaced prior to his work with the city. With respect to plans, USDI will be doing an assessment to determine whether Phase 1 is appropriate – as there have been very few leaks in the past several years and it is believed that the overall system strength is good and that an in-depth assessment, properly done, will reveal the true condition of the system and upon such assessment completion, if needed based on the assessment, a request to modify Phase 1 requirements will be made. However, if the PHMSA grant is awarded to Drakesboro, even if the assessment does not reveal that the mains need to be replaced, then there will be sufficient money to replace the mains regardless of whether is necessary or not. Thus, the mains will be replaced if such grant is awarded, in the amount sought.**

8. Refer to the Commission's February 25, 2021 Order, page 72, paragraph 3(c)

regarding replacement of all steel mains. Identify Drakesboro's:

- a. Progress;
- b. Financing Plan;
- c. Timeline for completion;

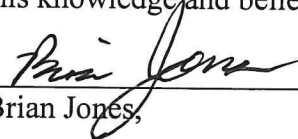
d. Construction plan, including:

- (1) Current Cost Estimates:
- (2) Plan to ensure system safety while construction is ongoing
- (3) Plan to minimize or mitigate any necessary service outages.

See above response number 7.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that he has read the foregoing, and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



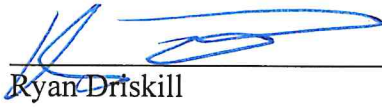
Brian Jones,

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
) ss:
COUNTY OF MUHLENBERG)

The foregoing pleading was subscribed and sworn to before me by **Brian Jones** on this the 14 day of March, 2022.

My Commission expires: 1-26-26

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the above motion was filed electronically on this the ^{14th} ~~8th~~ day of ^{March} ~~February~~, 2023 and served upon the Honorable John Parks by electronic mail at

John.Park@ky.gov.



Ryan Bennett Driskill