



- a. **December 14, 2020, application was submitted by the City for assistance under the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program. This application is attached hereto. Preliminary approval was provided \$514,977 and this response is attached hereto.**
  - b. **July 25, 2022 application for the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program was submitted by Mike Jones. It appears this was done through PHMSA and is part of a program funded through the US Department of Transportation. It is believed no response has been provided yet. A copy of supporting paperwork is herein provided. It appears the total sought from the federal government is approximately \$653,923.**
2. Provided a detailed list and supporting documentation for all other applications for funding made by Drakesboro since November 15, 2019 in an effort to secure funding to rehabilitate its natural gas system, include the financial institution or funding source, amount of funding requested, date a completed application was made, Drakesboro's purpose for making the application, and any response received.  
  
**Response: None known at this time. Drakesboro does intend to discuss financing with private lenders, including First Southern National Bank and will provide additional information upon application being made.**
3. Explain Drakesboro's efforts to identify possible sources of grant funding to aid in the rehabilitation of its natural gas distribution system.

**Response: The current administration cannot state the efforts made by the prior administration and employees regarding financing efforts other than to identify the grant applications referenced above.**

4. Provide the name of the engineering firm with which Drakesboro is currently working to accomplish the items listed in ordering paragraph three of the Commission's February 25, 2021 Order in this proceeding.

**Response: Utility Safety & Design, Inc.**

5. State which items in ordering paragraph three of the Commission's February 25, 2021 this engineering firm was engaged to address.

**Response: See the attached letter. It appears that the company is willing to work on all items of compliance that have not been previously completed.**

6. Provide a status update for items listed in ordering paragraphs 3a, 3b, and 3c of the Commission's February 25, 2021 Order.

**Response: Drakesboro has a new administration and is working on securing funding to rehabilitate the system and to engage with the PSC regarding the work needed to be done regarding Phase 1 referenced in the Order. Given the strength of the system, as evidenced by the leak survey and lack of leaks, an engineering firm may propose a modification of the Phase 1 but if the engineer or PSC do not agree with such proposed modifications, then the City will proceed with obtaining funding and doing the work required by the Order. With respect to part b, Drakesboro has replaced 2 regulators and maintained the existing system in a safe manner, including by placing heaters and other items necessary to make the system safer at those points.**

**With respect to Part C, the City will provide a plan for the replacement of the steel mains as part of its use of the engineering firm referenced above and in accordance with the Feb. 25, 2021 Order, as it may be modified.**

7. Identify the individuals currently operating Drakesboro's system.

**Response: Brian Jones and his assistant, Bryan Allard.**

8. Provide a list of all maintenance activities Drakesboro employees are currently conducting.

**Response: Daily odorant checks at purchase points, 2 sniff tests monthly, turning off meters and services, checking high usage, replacing meters, 1 patrol a month, take leak complaints and investigating same, repairing leaks that do not require complex responses.**

9. Provide a list of maintenance activities being performed by a contractor(s).

**Response: USDI is providing regulator inspections, leak survey, welding for repairs, etc., cathodic testing.**

10. Provide the covered tasks for which Drakesboro employees have obtained operator qualifications and the date on which those qualifications were obtained.

**Response: See attached documents providing this information in detail of OQ Information.**

11. Provide documentation to support hands-on verification of the response to Item 10.

**Response: See attached OQ information. If further information is needed, please ask and it will be obtained if possible.**

12. Provide the covered tasks performed by a contractor(s) having operator qualifications.

**Response: See response to number 9. The undersigned does not understand what else is being asked.**

13. Provide documentation to support hands-on verification of the operator qualification for those employees of the contractor(s) who are performing tasks for which operator qualifications are necessary.

**Response: See attached OQ's for USDI.**

**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.

  
Eddie Brake, Mayor

STATE OF KENTUCKY            )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF MUHLENBERG    )

The foregoing pleading was subscribed and sworn to before me by **Eddie Brake** on this the 8 day of February, 2022.

My Commission expires: 1-26-26

Notary                     KYNP44080

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the above motion was filed electronically on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023 and served upon the Honorable John Parks by electronic mail at [John.Park@ky.gov](mailto:John.Park@ky.gov).



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Ryan Bennett Driskill