

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC BIG SANDY WATER)	
DISTRICT’S UNACCOUNTED-FOR)	CASE NO.
WATER LOSS REDUCTION PLAN,)	2022-00301
SURCHARGE, AND MONTORING)	

**MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF SURCHARGE
PROCEEDS**

Request for Expedited Decision by June 26, 2026

By and through the undersigned counsel and pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 5, Big Sandy Water District (“Big Sandy District” or “the District”) moves the Commission for authority to make full use of the **\$394,800** bid it received for the purchase of 1,200 new customer meters, by granting the District authority to use an additional **\$31,913** of Surcharge Funds to purchase 96 meters. Because the price of the meters will increase nearly **4 percent** after **June 30, 2026**, Big Sandy District requests a decision on this motion by **June 26, 2026**.

In support of its Motion, the District states the following:

1. In its May 15, 2026 Order in this proceeding the Commission granted Big Sandy District’s request to use Surcharge Funds to perform an emergency line relocation and to purchase 1,103 meters to replace the meters in its system that are

10 years old or older.¹

2. Big Sandy District obtained a bid of **\$394,800 for 1,200 meters**.

3. Big Sandy District solicited the bid for 1,200 meters² in order to obtain pricing for the meters it must replace to become compliant with the meter testing regulations and to have sufficient meters on hand for making new meter taps and replacing any damaged or malfunctioning meters that are identified in the next several months.

4. The District obtained a bid for a reasonable number of meters in excess of its immediate need because it anticipated the meters would increase in price, and it reasonably anticipated encountering a need for additional meters in the foreseeable future.

5. The bids received and filed as Exhibit 6 to Big Sandy District’s April 16, 2026 Motion indicate that the cost of the meters will increase nearly **4%**³ after June 30, 2026. These bids are also attached as **Exhibit 1** to this Motion.

6. Big Sandy District has made 26 new taps to its system since January 1, 2024, and reasonably anticipates a need for meters with which to make new taps in the foreseeable future,

¹ Order at 6.

² This is 96 meters over the number that absolutely must be replaced in order to bring Big Sandy District into compliance with the meter testing regulations.

³ $\$410,400 - \$394,800 = \$15,600$; $\$15,600 \div \$394,800 = 0.0395137$; $0.0395137 \times 100 = \mathbf{3.95137\% \text{ increase}}$

7. Although it is not an everyday occurrence, it is also not unusual for a meter that is less than 10 years old to need to be replaced. This is sometimes due to unintentional damage to the meter during road or street repair, other construction, or severe weather.

8. Big Sandy District will utilize the 96 meters in excess of the number needed to return the District to compliance with the meter testing regulations according to the following priorities and as the District experiences the need: (1) making new meter taps; (2) replacing any damaged meters that are discovered; and (3) replacing meters that will become 10 years old in early 2027.

9. Big Sandy District has adequate facilities in which to store the meters until they are needed and would prefer to avoid paying more for meters it reasonably expects to deploy in the foreseeable future by ordering 1,200 meters, rather than 1,103 meters at this time.

WHEREFORE, Big Sandy Water District respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Authorize Big Sandy District to fully utilize the bid it obtained for 1,200 new meters;

2. Authorize the District to use to use an additional **\$31,913** in Surcharge Funds to purchase an additional 96 meters

3. Enter a decision on this Motion by **June 26, 2026**; and

4. Provide any and all other relief to which Big Sandy District may be entitled.

Dated: May 18, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Tina C. Frederick

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021, in Case No. 2020-00085, I certify that this document was submitted electronically to the Public Service Commission on May 18, 2026, and that there are currently no parties that the Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding.

/s/ Tina C. Frederick
Tina C. Frederick

Exhibit 1

Meter Bid



Big Sandy Water District
Jessica Sexton
18211 KY-3
Catlettsburg, KY 41129

Jessica,

Included in this sealed envelope are quotes for 1200 MACH meter bases and potted r900i registers to match your existing MACH meters. These meters can be read with your existing Neptune reading system.



MACH 10



MACH 10[®] R900i[™] Ultrasonic Meter

I look forward to further discussing this project.

Thanks,

Nicole Zaluski

Nicole Zaluski



NECO Water
 12125 ELLINGTON COURT
 CINCINNATI, OH, 45249

QUOTE

Quote Nbr.: **Q000944**
 Order Date: 9/26/2025
 Valid Until: 6/30/2026
 Sales Person: Nicole Zaluski
 Customer ID: BIG010
 Reference:
 Payment Terms:
 For: Jessica Sexton

FOR:
 BIG SANDY
 18200 STATE ROUTE 3
 CATLETTSBURG KY 41129
 United States of America

SHIP TO:
 BIG SANDY
 18200 STATE ROUTE 3
 CATLETTSBURG KY 41129
 United States of America

BILL TO:
 BIG SANDY
 18200 STATE ROUTE 3
 CATLETTSBURG KY 41129
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NO.	ITEM	QTY.	UOM	PRICE	DISC.	AMOUNT
1	EU1B1G1B1A: 5/8X3/4 ULTRASONIC MACH 2 SA GAL	1,200.00	EA	204.00	0%	244,800.00
2	13442-400: R900 V4 PIT MIU 6' ASSY COMP FOR P/R PIT R	1,200.00	EA	125.00	0%	150,000.00

Signature:

Quote Total: 394,800.00
Less Discount: 0.00
Tax Total: 0.00
Total (USD): 394,800.00



NECO Water
 12125 ELLINGTON COURT
 CINCINNATI, OH, 45249

QUOTE

Quote Nbr.: **Q000982**
 Order Date: 3/17/2026
 Valid Until: 12/31/2026
 Sales Person: Nicole Zaluski
 Customer ID: BIG010
 Reference:
 Payment Terms:
 For: Jessica Sexton

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 18200 STATE ROUTE 3
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NO.	ITEM	QTY.	UOM	PRICE	DISC.	AMOUNT
1	EU1B1G1B1A: 5/8X3/4 ULTRASONIC MACH 2 SA GAL	1,200.00	EA	211.00	0%	253,200.00
2	13442-400: R900 V4 PIT MIU 6' ASSY COMP FOR P/R PIT R	1,200.00	EA	131.00	0%	157,200.00

Signature:

Quote Total: 410,400.00
Less Discount: 0.00
Tax Total: 0.00
Total (USD): 410,400.00