

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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EXCAVATOR LOCATE REQUESTS PURSUANT TO)	CASE NO.
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**RESPONSES OF FARMERS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO
THE COMMISSION'S NOVEMBER 16, 2022 ORDER**

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CERTIFICATE

Scott Lester, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of the response of Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation to the Public Service Commission's Request for Information in the above-referenced case, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

Scott Lester

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
)
 COUNTY OF BARREN)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Scott Lester, Vice President Operations of Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation this 13th day of December, 2022.

TRISHA BRUMETT
 NOTARY PUBLIC
 STATE AT LARGE KENTUCKY
 COMM. # KYNP8027
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 31, 2024

Notary Public
ID: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

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Request 2.a.

Since January 1, 2022, the number of locate requests received in total and broken out into the types of locate requests contained in KRS 367.4909(5).

Response 2.a.

Type of Locate Requests	Number Received
Normal	4,454
Emergency	120
Information Request	10
Large Project (Not not a KY811 Ticket Type)	480
Unmapped or Untonable	Not a KY811 Ticket Type
Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment	0

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Request 2.b.

Since January 1, 2022, the number of second or subsequent requests for the same locate request received in total and broken out into the types of locate requests contained in KRS 367.4909(5).

Response 2.b.

Type of Locate Requests	Number of Second or Subsequent Requests Received
Normal	3
Emergency	0
Information Request	0
Large Project (Not a KY811 Ticket Type)	0
Unmapped or Untonable	Not a KY811 Ticket Type
Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment	0

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Request 2.c.

Since January 1, 2022, the length of time required to respond to each requestor/excavator in total and broken out into the types of locate requests contained in KRS 367.4909(5). Also, provide information showing whether underground facilities are marked within the statutory window, and the average time it takes to respond to a locate request.

Response 2.c.

Type of Locate Requests	Average Response Time/Days
Normal	1.99
Emergency	0.13
Information Request	N/A
Large Project (Not not a KY811 Ticket Type)	2.18
Unmapped or Untonable	Not a KY811 Ticket Type
Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment	N/A

All underground facilities were marked within the statutory window. The total average response time to respond to each requestor/excavator in total is 1.43 days.

Please see attached. The attachment is an Excel spreadsheet and is being uploaded separately into the Commission's electronic filing system. It should be noted that when the words "Not Marked" appear that is when it was determined that Farmers RECC did not have any underground facilities in the area to be marked.

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Request 2.d.

Since January 1, 2022, the number of times an agreement has been reached with an excavator outside of the statutory time limits required by KRS 367.4909, with the aggregate numbers and broken out into the types of locate request contained in KRS 367.4909(5).

Response 2.d.

Type of Locate Requests	Number ICB Agreements
Normal	26
Emergency	0
Information Request	0
Large Project (Not not a KY811 Ticket Type)	4
Unmapped or Untonable	Not a KY811 Ticket Type
Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment	0

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Request 2.e.

Since January 1, 2022, state whether locate requests have been performed by Utility personnel or by third-party contractor. If the answer is both, provide the number of locate requests performed by Utility personnel and third-party contractors, respectively.

Response 2.e.

All located have been performed by a third-party contractor US Infrastructure Company "USIC"

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Request 2.f.

State whether records and statistics are kept of the number of underground facilities located accurately versus inaccurately. Provide all records and statistics compiled since January 1, 2022.

Response 2.f.

"Locate accuracy is generally only investigated when a facility damage occurs; the data provided below reflects records and statistics of accuracy from damage investigations."

Number of Damages Located Accurately	Number of Damages Located Inaccurately
0	0

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Request 2.g.

Explain the method used to determine whether an underground facility has been located accurately versus inaccurately.

Response 2.g.

The method used is an on-site investigation using a hit kit, measurements and photos.

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Request 2.h.

State what policies and procedures have been implemented to reduce the number of inaccurately located facilities. Provide information detailing the efficacy of those procedures on reducing the number of inaccurately located underground facilities.

Response 2.h.

Regularly scheduled meetings with USIC to measure performance and improvements.