

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO)	CASE NO.
COMPLIANCE WITH EXCAVATOR LOCATE)	2022-00363
REQUESTS PURSUANT TO KRS 367.4909 AND)	
KRS 367.4917 (7))	

RESPONSE

Big Sandy Water District files this response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Case Number 2022-00363. In response to Case number 2022-00363, The District states as follows:

- a) Since January 1, 2022, Big Sandy Water District has received 52 locate requests. Of these 52 locate requests, all 52 requests were for normal excavation locate requests.
- b) Big Sandy Water District had zero subsequent request for the same location.
- c) Since January 1, 2022, Big Sandy Water District responded to all locates requests within the allotted time. The average response time for all locates requests is 1-2 days.
- d) Since January 1, 2022, there has been no need to reach an agreement with an excavator to complete a locate request outside the statutory limits.
- e) All locate requests are preformed by Big Sandy Water District. No third-party contractors are needed.
- f) Since January 1, 2022 no records have been kept to show the number of underground facilities accurately located vs. inaccurately located. However, no underground facilities have been hit or damaged during excavation.
- g) No process is in place to determine if locates were accurate or in accurate, other than calls or reports of damage to our lines by excavators. We have received none in 2022. As for the method to accurately locate lines, see response below.

h) To prevent inaccurately located lines, Big Sandy Water District uses a probing method or excavation of the line in the ground to locate the lines. Big Sandy Water District is in the process of adopting a new protocol of placing a tracer wire alongside new or replaced waterlines for future reference. Big Sandy Water District maintains accurate maps of its facilities. Big Sandy Water District maintains a positive presence with local utilities, contractors and customers to emphasize the importance of cooperation and accurately located facilities to avoid interruption of services.

Respectfully Submitted,



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