

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF:

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

RESPONSE

Muhlenberg County Water District #3, as a non-municipal utility, files this response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Case Number 2022-00363. In response to case number 2022-00363, MCWD3 states as follows:

- a. Since January 1, 2022, MCWD3 has received 598 locate requests through KY 811 to locate underground water utilities. Of these 598 locate requests, 9 were for emergency locates.
- b. MCWD3 does occasionally receive second requests for same locations if the original requests work extends past the 21 days allowed by KY law.
- c. Since January 1, 2022, MCWD3 responded to and completed all locate requests within the time allowed by KY law.
- d. Since January 1, 2022, there have not been a need to reach an agreement with an excavator to complete a locate request.
- e. Since January 1, 2022, all locates have been performed by MCWD3 staff. No third party contractors are used.
- f. No records are kept for the number of locates performed accurately verses inaccurately. Since January 1, 2022, only 1 underground water utility has been damaged by an inaccurately marked request.

- g. MCWD3 uses multiple methods to ensure utilities are marked accurately, these include maps, staff experience, and probing method. At times MCWD3 staff will also spot dig to ensure that underground water utilities are marked accurately.
- h. In effort to increase the percentage of accurately marked utilities, MCWD3 spot digs utilities, updates maps, and installs tracer wire with all water mains now installed and all long side meter installations. MCWD3 also uses locator spikes installed over locates performed using other methods where tracer wire is not installed. These locator spikes allow MCWD3 staff to locate utilities in the future with a locator device.

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