

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In The Matter Of:

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

**RESPONSES OF PEAKS MILL WATER DISTRICT
TO THE COMMISSION'S NOVEMBER 16, 2022 ORDER**

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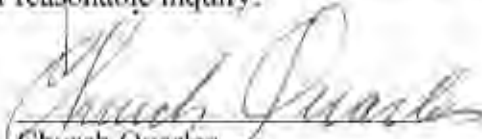
Electronic Investigation into Compliance)
with Excavator Locate Requests Pursuant)
to KRS 367.4909 and KRS 367.4917(7))

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VERIFICATION OF CHURCH QUARLES

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)
)
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN)

Church Quarles, Chairman of the Board for Peaks Mill Water District being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of certain responses to data request 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.


Church Quarles

The foregoing Verification was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me this 30th day of December, 2022, by Church Quarles.



Notary Commission No. KYNP 24034
Commission expiration: 4/24/2025

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REQUEST 2a

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Church Quarles

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. Since January 1, 2022, Peaks Mill Water District (“Peaks Mill District”) has received a total of 37 locate requests. Out of the 37 total requests, all were normal locate requests and there were no emergency locate requests. Peaks Mill District has not had any of the other categories of requests contained in KRS 367.4909(5).

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REQUEST 2b

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Church Quarles

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. In review of the location work order requests of 2022, Peaks Mill District did not receive any second or subsequent requests for the same location.

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REQUEST 2c

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Church Quarles

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. Since January 1, 2022, the average length of time required to respond to each requestor/excavator in total is 48 hours. Emergency locates on average are completed the same business day. All locates are completed within the statutory window.

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REQUEST 2d

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Church Quarles

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. Since January 1, 2022, there have been no agreements reached with an excavator outside the statutory time limits required by KRS 367.4909.

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REQUEST 2e

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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. Since January 1, 2022, agreements have been made with Gatewood Water Service prior to 5/01/22 and C & L Consulting (Jeff Lee) after 5/01/22 for excavation services.

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REQUEST 2f

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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 requests are received and assigned to our contractor operator (Dale Gatewood/Jeff Lee) to conduct the field locate. Of the 37 locate requests, one locate was not accurately marked in the field and the water main was damaged by the installation of fence posts. After review of the incident, the actual water main location varied from the field markings in some locations along the fence row.

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REQUEST 2g

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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. Typically, water facility locates are performed by using the District's mapping system and identification of surface features (hydrants, valves, meters) in the field. Underground facilities are located using a magnetic line locator and metal detector. In some instances, spot excavations are performed to verify the physical location of water facilities. Water facilities are then marked with blue paint to indicate the location of buried water facilities.

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REQUEST 2h

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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. Peaks Mill District implemented a new form for line locates that became effective January 1, 2022 and is attached for reference as Exhibit A.

EXHIBIT A
Peaks Mill Water District/Elkhorn Water District

Line Locate Form

Circle One: Peaks Mill Water or Elkhorn Water

Date and Time Called in: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name & Phone # _____

Description of area to be marked: _____

Depth of dig, etc? _____

New line locate information effective 1/01/22:

1. For normal line locates guys have 48 hours from the next day that you get call. i.e., if line locate call is taken at Tuesday @ 11:00 am, the 48 hours start on Wednesday at 8:00 am.
2. Guys must call customer when locate is done.
3. If the guys do not call customer and customer calls back the guys have to do the locate within 1 day. i.e., customer calls on Tuesday @ 11:00 because no one has called them to tell them they did the line locate, the guys must have locate done by Wednesday afternoon.
4. If it is a mechanical locate (guys have to dig to find water line), they have 10 days to locate lines. If guys have to dig, they have to call 811 to get phone lines, gas lines etc. marked before they can start digging, thus the longer time to get it done.