

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 INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
TO THE COMMISSION'S NOVEMBER 16, 2022 ORDER

INTER-COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION
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REQUEST 2a

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: David Phelps

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, Inter-County Energy Cooperative Corporation (Inter-County Energy) has received a total of 6,184 locate requests. Out of the 6,184 total requests, 5,840 were normal locate requests and 154 were emergency locate requests. Inter-County Energy has had 7 design information requests. Inter-County Energy has not had any of the other categories of requests contained in KRS 367.4909(5).

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REQUEST 2b

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: David Phelps

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. Inter-County Energy has had 66 second notice requests, 4 third notice requests, and one 4th notice request for the same locate request.

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REQUEST 2c

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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. Since January 1, 2022, the average length of time required to respond to each requestor/excavator in total is 1-2 working days. Emergency locates on average are within 24 hours. The average length of time for design information requests, large project requests, unmapped or untonable facility requests, and fiber-to-the-premises broadband requests is 1-2 working days. All locates are marked within the statutory window.

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REQUEST 2d

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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. 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. All locates have been performed by Inter-County Energy's personnel.

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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. Records and statistics of the number of underground facilities located accurately versus inaccurately are not kept by Inter-County Energy.

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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. While Inter-County Energy has no record of an inaccurate locate in 2022, a service interruption or notification of a cable cut would be our method of determining accurate or inaccurate locate.

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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. Inter-County Energy has no known underground facilities that are unlocatable. Inter-County Energy uses state-of-the-art locating equipment and provides various training for its technicians. Inter-County Energy has provided for and installed an additional tracing wire in the underground ditching for many years and continues to do so to ensure an accurate trace. Company maps are continually updated with Kentucky 811 to ensure notification accuracy.

