

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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

RESPONSE

Buffalo Trail Water Association, Inc. (Buffalo Trail Water) files this response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Case Number 2022-00363. Our response is as follows:

- a. As of December 29, 2022, we have received 64 total requests to locate and flag the location of the Association's water lines.
- b. We have had 0 second or subsequent requests for the same locate requests.
- c. Since January 1, 2022, Buffalo Trail Water has responded to all locate requests within the statutory window, as allowed per KRS 367.4909(5). Normal requests are completed within 24 hours of the request. Average response for all requests is less than two days.
- d. Since January 1, 2022, the Association has not had to reach any type of agreement with an excavator, outside of the statutory time limit. We have had one request that has required further discussion with contractors and engineering firms to locate and determine depth of an existing water line. This was necessary to determine possible relocation for future commercial development purposes.
- e. Buffalo Trail Water does not own/operate/maintain equipment. Due to our day-to-day operations, 4 of the 64 requests were performed by a contractor the Association uses on a regular basis.
- f. The Association keeps a record of line locate requests and details of those requests. Zero water lines have been located inaccurately.
- g. The method used by the Association to determine the accuracy/inaccuracy of our line locates is measured by the success of locate orders. Zero water lines damaged after locates, validates the Association's method.

- h. Buffalo Trail Water utilizes various methods to prevent inaccurately located lines. Those methods include, but are not limited to: maps, as built plans, tracer wide, probing, spot digging, and excavation when necessary. To continue for future successful locates, the Association continues to improve mapping data, uses tracer wire in new and replaced water lines and looks to expand GIS system information and tools.

Buffalo Trail Water Association, Inc.

Lori Johnson

12/29/2022

Lori Johnson, Manager

Date