

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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))	

EAST KENTUCKY NETWORK, LLC'S
RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST

Pursuant to Commission Order entered November 16, 2022, in the above-referenced case, East Kentucky Network, LLC d/b/a Appalachian Wireless (“EKN”) hereby submits its responses to the Commission’s information requests.

Respectfully submitted

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Request 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 a: Since January 1, 2022, EKN has received 140 locate requests, consisting of 137 normal notices and three (3) emergency notices.

Request 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 b: None.

Request 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 c: EKN does not track this information, but upon information and belief, all facilities were marked promptly and within the statutory timeframe.

Request 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 requests contained in KRS 367.4909(5).

Response d: None.

Request e: Since January 1, 2022, state whether locate requests have been performed by Utility personnel or by a third-party contractor. If the answer is both, provide the number of locate requests performed by Utility personnel and third-party contractors, respectively.

Response e: All locate requests have been performed by EKN personnel.

Request 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 f: There have been no inaccurately marked facilities.

Request g: Explain the method used to determine whether an underground facility has been located accurately versus inaccurately.

Response g: Inaccurate locates would result in outage and/or damage, and no such outages and/or damages have occurred.

Request 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 h: All underground facilities are installed with a metallic conductor for the purpose of locating buried plant.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on December 28, 2022; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copies of the filing will be made.

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