

**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 )  
AND KRS 367.4917 (7) )

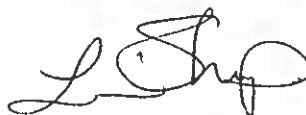
CASE NO. 2022-00363

**CERTIFICATE OF PREPARATION**

**STATE OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF NELSON**

**Timothy J. Sharp**, being duly sworn, states that he supervised the preparation of responses to The Public Service Commission's First Request for Information dated November 17, 2022, in the above-named case, and that the matters and items set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

**SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP.**

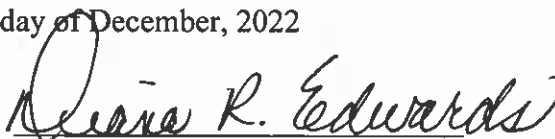


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**Timothy J. Sharp PE**  
President and Chief Operating Officer

**STATE OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF NELSON**

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022



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Notary Public, KY State at Large  
My commission expires: July 05, 2023  
I.D. No. 626327

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**SALT RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORP.'s RESPONSE TO COMMISSION  
STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Salt River Electric Cooperative Corp. (Salt River Electric), response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Case Number 2022-00363. In response to case number 2022-00363,

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.**

<b><u>Ticket Type</u></b>	<b><u>Locate Request</u></b>
Normal	13,683
Emergency	495
Damage	47
Design	21
On-Site Exposed Facility	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,259</b>

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.**

**In 2022, Salt River has received 2,268 remark request and 168 additional notices.**

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.**

**Since Salt River has been using 811's website to provide positive response the following average response durations have been recorded.**

<b><u>Ticket Type</u></b>	<b><u>Average Response Duration (Hours)</u></b>
NORMAL	2.5
EMERGENCY	9.5
DAMAGE	37.5
ON-SITE EXPOSED FACILITY	10.6

**Salt River is unaware of any underground locate request where the response time exceeded the requirements outlines in KRS 367.4909(5).**

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.**

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 underground locates were performed by Salt River employees.**

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.**

**Inaccurate locates are internally investigated by Salt River management.**

**One inaccurate locate occurred on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. An excavator was installing underground fiber within a subdivision in Mt. Washington, KY. A span of underground secondary was inadvertently not marked by Salt River underground locator. This span of underground was bored into resulting in damage to the underground conductor which was fixed by Salt River line crews.**

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

**Response g.**

**An inaccurate locate is when an excavator impacts Salt River underground system where Salt River's underground was not located correctly. All other underground locates would be considered accurate.**

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.**

**Salt River management investigations of inaccurate locates is intended to determine root causes of mistakes and improve the process.**