

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)	)	

RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST

Pursuant to Commission Order released November 16, 2022 in the above referenced case, submitted here are the responses to the requested information filed on behalf Mountain Rural Telephone Cooperative.

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:

Normal locates:	983
Emergency locate:	21
Design Information Request:	3
Total Requests (sum of above):	1,007

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: The company does not track this category.

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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: Please refer to Exhibit A for length of time required to respond to each requestor/excavator.

Normal locates: within statutory requirements

Emergency locate: within statutory requirements

Design Information Request: within statutory requirements

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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: If requested to do so, the company will perform a locate on the timeline requested by an excavator but does not track these requests separately from its other requests.

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 requests were performed by company 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: The company does not keep records of inaccurate locates.

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

Response g: Inaccurate locates are identified if there is a resulting service outage or the excavator identifies an inaccuracy while on site.

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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 have a metallic sheath and thus can be located. If an inaccurate locate is identified the company determines the cause for correction including testing of and maintenance on its locate equipment if needed.