

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 to Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Peoples Telecom, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,

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to Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.
Peoples Telecom, LLC

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:	579
Emergency locate:	13
Design Information Request:	3
Total Requests (sum of above):	595

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: Second or subsequent requests for the same locate are not tracked.

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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:	2.4 days
Emergency locate:	1.7 days
Design Information Request:	1.7 days

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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: 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: Utility Personnel performs all locate requests.

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: Not applicable. There have been no such inaccurate requests.

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

Response g: An inaccurate locate would be identified by a service outage however there have been no such inaccurate locates.

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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 plant is equipped with either a copper tracer wire or metal sheathing for locating. In addition, an orange "Warning: Buried Fiber Optic" tape is placed 12"-18" above/shallow all underground utilities. These two policies have successfully reduced the possibility of an inaccurate locate.