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Comes Oldham County Water District (“OCWD”) for its Response to Commission’s November 16, 2022 Order, and states as shown on the following pages.



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**CERTIFICATION OF RESPONSE OF OLDHAM COUNTY WATER
DISTRICT TO COMMISSION’S NOVEMBER 16, 2022 ORDER**

This is to certify that I have supervised the preparation of Oldham County Water District’s Responses to Commission’s November 16, 2022 Order. The response submitted on behalf of Oldham County Water District is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

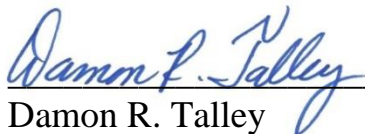
Date: December 7, 2022



Russell D. Rose, Chief Executive Officer
Oldham County Water District

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085 (Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19), this is to certify that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on December 7, 2022; and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means.



Damon R. Talley

OLDHAM COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

CASE NO. 2022-00363

Response to Commission's November 16, 2022 Order

Question No. 2

Responding Witness: Russell D. Rose, CEO

Q-2(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);

A-2(a). For the period from January 1, 2022 thru November 23, 2022 the Oldham County Water District (OCWD) has received 1,086 locate requests. The current system of tracking the locate requests does not differentiate the requests by types of locate requests.

Q-2(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);

A-2(b). For the period from January 1, 2022 through November 23, 2022 OCWD has received 154 second or subsequent requests.

Q-2(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;

- A-2(c).** OCWD responds to all locate request types within the limits set forth in the statutory requirements. The average response time is not tracked.
- Q-2(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);**
- A-2(d).** Since January 2, 2022, there is no record of OCWD needing an agreement with an excavator outside of the statutory time limits required by KRS 367.4909.
- Q-2(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;**
- A-2(e).** All locate requests have been performed by OCWD personnel.
- Q-2(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;**
- A-2(f).** Specific records or statistics are not kept referencing accurate versus inaccurate location of OCWD infrastructure. However, our work orders indicate there were four service lines and four water mains that were compromised due to inaccurate information about our system.

Q-2(g). Explain the method used to determine whether an underground facility has been located accurately versus inaccurately; and

A-2(g). OCWD uses a combination of at least two methods described in the response to Question 2(h) to determine the accuracy of its underground infrastructure.

Q-2(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.

A-2(h). (1) All OCWD underground infrastructure that is exposed is mapped to horizontal centimeter accuracy using high-accuracy GNSS. This allows for locating of collected infrastructure using the high-accuracy GNSS devices to fulfill marking requests within inches of actual location.

(2) All new installations of OCWD underground infrastructure are captured at every bell and fitting using high-accuracy GNSS to the horizontal centimeter level. This allows for locating of collected infrastructure using the high-accuracy GNSS devices to fulfill marking requests within inches of actual location.

(3) Where tracer wire has been installed on underground OCWD infrastructure, field staff are trained and required to utilize the tracer wire for locating to fulfill marking requests.

(4) OCWD field staff are trained to use probing methods for accurately locating and marking underground infrastructure.

(5) In situations where the above methods are not available or the location of assets are in question OCWD will then uncover and collect location data with high-accuracy GNSS, then mark in response to the original request.