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) AND KRS 367.4917(7)

CASE NO. 2022-00363

RESPONSE

Gallatin County Water District files this response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Case Number 2022-00363. In response to this case number 2022-00363, our response is as follows:

- a. Since January 1, 2022 we have received a total of 44 requests to locate and mark our water lines. Of the 44 locate request, 23 were received from electric, gas and phone utilities performing work in our service area, 20 were received from residential customers who were performing enhancements to their properties such as installing fences and driveway repairs, and 1 large project locate for the new Airport being built in Gallatin County.
- b. There were zero (0) requests to mark the same location.
- We responded to all of the locate requests within the allotted time as outlined in section (5) of KRS 367.4909. In most cases the locate requests were responded to the same day as requested or the next the morning.
- d. Since January 1, 2022 we have not needed to reach an agreement with an excavator or contractor to complete a locate request outside the allotted time as outlined in section five (5) of KRS 367.4909.
- e. All locate requests are made by District staff. No third-party is used.
- f. A work order is generated for each locate request and provides details of the request. Of the 44 locates performed since January 1, 2022 all were accurate locates. There were zero (0) inaccuracies.
- g. The method used to determine whether a line is accurately or inaccurately located is based on successful locates and the accuracy of the materials and methods as defined below.
- In an effort to prevent inaccurately located lines various methods and materials are used. The District utilizes hardcopy maps, "as-built" plan sheets, tracer wire, probing of the ground and excavation by our personnel to "spot" dig the line if necessary. Newly

constructed lines require tracer wire. "As-Built" plans are provided by our engineers and GPS locations are taken by staff to be imported into our GIS mapping system. Should inaccuracy occur when using "as-built" plans and maps for older lines, new GPS locations are taken and notations are made on plans to ensure accuracy in future locates. We maintain a close working relationship with local contractors and county officials reminding them of the importance to call in locates to avoid interruption of service. Our Asset Management and GIS Mapping System is a work in process and will continue to improve as data is added and updated.

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