

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))	

VERIFIED RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST

Pursuant to the Commission’s November 16, 2022 Order entered in this matter, herewith is the Verified Response of The Electric and Water Plant Board of the City of Frankfort, Kentucky (“FPB” or “Frankfort Plant Board”).

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:	7,520
Normal locates with negotiated commitment:	Not tracked
Emergency locates:	278
Design Information Requests:	21
Large project requests:	2
Unmapped or untonable requests:	Not tracked
Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment requests:	0
FPB also maintains the following categories:	
On-site exposed facility	5
Damaged facilities	20
Total Requests:	7,846

FPB operates five utility services (electric, water, cable TV, fiber and telephone). Consequently, while the total tickets received are 7,846, FPB must locate potentially five types of facilities that it owns and operates for each ticket.

Witness(es): Deron Rambo, Keith Meador

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: FPB received a total of 347 second notice requests for the same locate. These are all sent as a normal ticket type but with a revision of second notice. While FPB receives second notices, these are sent to all utilities listed on the original locate request. That is, if just one utility does not locate, FPB must return to the site even if it has previously located the facility.

Witness(es): Deron Rambo, Keith Meador

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: All of FPB’s locate requests are shown on Ex. A attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. Average response times are:

<u>Locate type</u>	<u>Average Response Time (hours)</u>
Normal locates:	44.58
Normal locates with negotiated commitment:	N/A
Emergency locates:	3.65
Design Information Requests:	53.23
Large project requests:	11.5
Unmapped or untonable requests:	N/A
Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment requests:	N/A
FPB also maintains the following categories:	
On-site exposed facility	8.4
Damaged facilities	3.52

Witness(es): Deron Rambo, Keith Meador

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: No written agreements have been reached.

Witness(es): **Deron Rambo, Keith Meador**

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: Locates are performed by FPB personnel. FPB has a total of three locators on staff. No third-party contractors perform locates for FPB.

Witness(es): Deron Rambo, Keith Meador

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: FPB does not maintain records of the number of underground facilities located accurately versus inaccurately. However, whether a facility was properly located may be an issue in a safety investigation.

Witness(es): **Deron Rambo, Keith Meador**

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

Response g: FPB does not track whether an underground facility has been located accurately or inaccurately.

Witness(es): **Deron Rambo, Keith Meador**

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: FPB's locators attended the Kentucky Damage Prevention Summit held in Lexington, KY this past Summer and also have in-house training. FPB's locators confer with the various FPB departments to annotate and update FPB's system maps. FPB's locators also can confer with the various FPB departments as to the location of the facilities on site if necessary. FPB uses radio detection and ground penetrating radar to locate facilities.

Witness(es): Deron Rambo, Keith Meador

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Commission’s July 22, 2021 Order entered in Case No. 2020-00085 and 807 KAR 5:001 § 8, I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Verified Response has been served electronically on all parties of record on December 21, 2022; that there are no parties that have been excused from participation by electronic means to the best of the undersigned’s knowledge; that any materials filed in this electronic submission are true representations of the materials in any paper medium as well and that The Electric and Water Plant Board of the City of Frankfort, Kentucky has the ability to accept service of filings in this matter via electronic means.

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