

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER OF:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO )  
COMPLIANCE WITH EXCAVATOR LOCATE ) CASE NO. 2022-00363  
REQUESTS PURSUANT TO KRS 367.4909 AND )  
KRS 367.4917(7) )

**RESPONSE OF LARUE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
TO ORDER OF NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

Larue County Water District #1, as a non-municipal utility, files this response to the Kentucky Public Service Commission Case Number 2022-00363. In response to case number 2022-00363, the District states as follows:

a. Since January 1st, 2022 to December 7th, 2022, Larue County Water District #1 has received 697 locate requests. 683 normal excavation locate requests, 0 damage locate requests, 1 design locate requests, and 13 emergency locate requests.

b. Larue County Water District #1 received 5 Second Notices on normal excavation tickets. Each of these instances the District had previously replied that the dig site was clear.

c. Since January 1st, 2022, Larue County Water District #1 responded to and completed all locate requests within the statutorily required timeframe. Larue County Water District #1 responds to locate requests within 3 business days unless otherwise noted on the request. All emergency locates are completed the same day they are received.

d. Since January 1st, 2022, there hasn't been a necessity to reach an agreement with any contractor to complete a locate request for Larue County Water District #1 outside the statutory time limits.

e. Since January 1st, 2022, all locate requests have been performed by Larue County Water District #1. No third-party contractors have been utilized for locating purposes.

f. Since January 1st, 2022, no records or statistics have been retained.

g. The method to determine whether an underground facility has been located accurately versus inaccurately is by utilizing at least two of the locate methods defined below.

h. To prevent inaccurately located lines, the District uses a combination of the following devices including GPS/GIS System, tracer wire, ground probing, or sounding/thumping of the pipe, or excavation of the line in the ground. All new lines are installed with a tracer wire. If it is discovered a tracer wire has been damaged it is immediately repaired. The District maintains a comprehensive mapping system of its facilities at sub foot accuracy. The District maintains a positive presence with local utilities, contractors, and customers to portray the importance of accurately locating facilities to minimize the impact on work and prevent interruption of service to our customers. The District promotes 811 on its website.

Dated: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Tim Bartley, Manager  
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