

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)
KRS 367.4917(7))

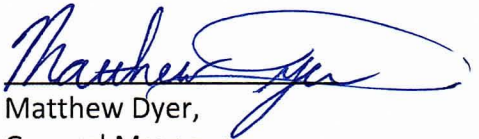
CASE NO. 2022-00363

RESPONSE OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
TO COMMISSION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Cumberland County Water District submits its Response to the Commission's Request for Information.

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Respectfully submitted,



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CUMBERLAND COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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- 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: Since January 1, 2022, the Cumberland County Water District has received 124 line locate requests. All were for normal excavation line locate requests.

- 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: The Cumberland County Water District received subsequent ticket requests for 3 of the same locations since January 1, 2022. All were for normal line locate requests.

- 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: Since January 1, 2022, the Cumberland County Water District responded to and completed all line locate requests within a 2-3 day timeframe. Average response time for a line locate is 1-2 days.

- 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: Since January 1, 2022, there have been no agreements with any outside contractor to complete a line locate request for the Cumberland County Water District outside the statutory time limits.

- 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: Since January 1, 2022, all line locates have been performed by the Cumberland County Water District. No third-party contractors have been used.

- 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: Since January 1, 2022, no records of this nature have been retained by the Cumberland County Water District

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

Response: The method used is excavating the line to obtain a visual of the line when other methods question accuracy.

- 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: To prevent inaccurate location of lines, the Cumberland County Water District uses a combination of the following methods. Tracer wire, the probing method, or excavation of the line in the ground. When accuracy is a concern, the District utilizes the excavation method to ensure the location of the line. All new lines are installed with a tracer wire to ensure proper locates in the future. The District maintains a close professional relationship with local utilities, contractors and customers in order to instill the importance of accurately locating our underground facilities. This is to minimize the impact on work for all involved and to prevent interruption of service to our customers.