

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))

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF OWEN)

Brian Jones, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of the response of Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. to the Public Service Commission Staff's Initial Request for Information dated November 16, 2022, in the above-referenced case, and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

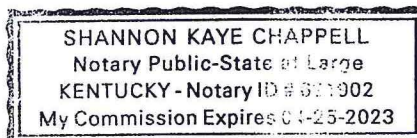
Witness my hand this 21st day of December 2022

Brian Jones
Brian Jones

Subscribed and sworn before me this 21st day of December 2022

Shannon Kaye Chappell
Notary Public

My Commission expires April 25, 2023



OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
PSC CASE NO. 2022-00363
RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST

**COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN ELECTRONIC
INVESTIGATION INTO COMPLIANCE WITH EXCAVATOR LOCATE REQUESTS
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DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

REQUEST A

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Brian Jones

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: Since January 1, 2022, there have been 24,098 total locate requests in Owen Electric's territory performed by US Infrastructure Company (USIC). Totals per locate request type are listed below. This data, as well as, all data herein was acquired by Brian Jones, Owen Electric Cooperative's Vice President of Operations from USIC.

	Type of Locate Requests	Number Received
a.	Normal	22,855
b.	Emergency	328
c.	Design	75
d.	Large Project (Not a KY811 Ticket Type)	827
e.	Unmapped or Untonable (Not a KY 811 Ticket Type)	0
f.	Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment	13

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REQUEST B

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Brian Jones

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: Since January 1, 2022, there have been thirty (30) second or subsequent requests.

Second/subsequent request totals per locate request type are listed below.

	Type of Locate Requests	Number of Second or Subsequent Requests Received
a.	Normal	26
b.	Emergency	0
c.	Design	0
d.	Large Project (Not a KY811 Ticket Type)	4
e.	Unmapped or Untonable (Not a K811 Ticket Type)	0
f.	Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment	0

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REQUEST C

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Brian Jones

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: Since January 1, 2022, the average response time for locates, across the below listed types, is 2.68 days. Average response time per locate request type is listed below.

	Type of Locate Requests	Average Response Time/Days
a.	Normal	2.70
b.	Emergency	0.40
c.	Design	2.25
d.	Large Project (Not a KY811 Ticket Type)	3.02
e.	Unmapped or Untonable	Not a KY811 Ticket Type
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REQUEST D

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Brian Jones

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 request contained in KRS 367.4909(5).

Response D: Since January 1, 2022, there have been 1,525 agreements reached with an excavator outside of the statutory time limits required by KRS 367.4909. Totals per locate request type are listed below.

	Type of Locate Requests	Number ICB Agreements
a.	Normal	1,410
b.	Emergency	2
c.	Design	0
d.	Large Project (Not a KY811 Ticket Type)	113
e.	Unmapped or Untonable (Not a KY811 Ticket Type)	0
f.	Fiber-to-the-premises broadband deployment	0

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REQUEST E

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Brian Jones

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: Since January 1, 2022, all locate requests have been performed by Owen Electric's third-party contractor, USIC.

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REQUEST F

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Brian Jones

Request F: State whether records and statistics are kept of the number of underground facilities located accurately verses inaccurately. Provide all records and statistics compiled since January 1, 2022.

Response F: Owen Electric does not keep records or statistics as to the number of facilities located accurately verses inaccurately. Locate accuracy is generally only investigated when a facility damage occurs. No instances of damage have occurred in 2022.

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REQUEST G

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Brian Jones

Request G: Explain the method used to determine whether an underground facility has been located accurately versus inaccurately.

Response G: To determine if an underground facility has been located accurately versus inaccurately, Owen Electric's third party contractor would use on-site investigation with a hit kit, measurements, and photos.

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REQUEST H

RESPONSIBLE PARTY: Brian Jones

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: To aid in the prevention of inaccurately located lines, Owen Electric implemented a GPS mapping project of all facilities both overhead and underground. Updated maps are shared with Owen Electric's third party contractor on an annual basis and used to verify the locations being marked.