

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

IN THE MATTER:

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

RESPONSE

Meade County Water District (“MCWD”), 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, MCWD states as follows:

- 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: MCWD has received 226 locate requests in this time frame. Of these, five (5) were Emergency Locates, with the remainder (221) being normal excavation 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: There were zero second or subsequent 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: All locate requests are completed within two (2) business 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: Zero.**

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: All locate requests are complete by MCWD personnel. MCWD does not use third party contractors.**

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: To the best of MCWD knowledge, all locates have been marked accurately. MCWD has not received any notification from the excavator indicating otherwise.**

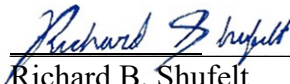
g. *Explain the method used to determine whether an underground facility has been located accurately versus inaccurately;*

**Response: MCWD uses a Fischer locator Split Box to locate the tracer wire installed with the water line and correlates with our GIS Map.**

*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: MCWD's policy/procedure is to immediately dispatch a member of staff to perform the locate upon receiving the request. All requests are completed in two (2) business days. Most are completed same day. Inaccurate locates have not been an issue for the District. Further, all new lines are installed with a No.12 solid tracer wire to make locating the facility easier and more accurately.**

Respectfully for MCWD,



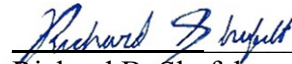
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Public Service Commission on December 8, 2022; that there are currently no parties that the Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that pursuant to the Public Service Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copies of the filing will be made.

Respectfully,

  
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