

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

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))	

RESPONSE

Simpson County Water District, 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, Simpson County Water District has received 728 locate requests. All were for normal excavation locate requests.
- b. Simpson County Water District has not received a subsequent request for the same location on a normal excavation ticket. Receipts for those requests are not retained.
- c. Since January 1st, 2022, Simpson County Water District responded to and completed all locate requests within the statutorily required timeframe.
- d. Since January 1st, 2022, there hasn't been a necessity to reach an agreement with any contractor to complete a locate request for Simpson County Water District outside the statutory time limits.
- e. Since January 1st, 2022, all locate requests have been performed by Simpson County Water District. No third-party contractors have been utilized.
- 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 ground penetrating radar, tracer wire, the probing method 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. Two ground penetrating radar units were purchased to aid in the quick and accurate location of older water lines. The District maintains a comprehensive mapping system of its facilities. 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.

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