

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of:

**ELECTRONIC SOUTH HOPKINS WATER)
DISTRICT UNACCOUNTED-FOR WATER LOSS)
REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE AND)
MONITORING)**

**Case No.
2023-00018**

**RESPONSE OF
SOUTH HOPKINS WATER DISTRICT
TO
COMMISSION STAFF'S FIFTH
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Responding Witnesses: Kayla Goodaker

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Question No. 1 A through H

After researching what would be needed for licenses, certifications, permits and classes for drone operation, SHWD has decided not to pursue that avenue. The District would not have the man power to send someone to a class to operate a drone. Every employee is crucial for daily operation of the District, therefore it, may be more beneficial to seek a contracting company that provides this service.

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Question No. 2

Refer to the South Hopkins District's letter dated August 9, 2024, where it requested to use surcharge funds to replace 200 meters at first and gradually purchase meters for the entirety of the district.

- A) Provide a copy of any current estimates South Hopkins District has received for the purchase and installation of the proposed replacement cellular water meters.**

Please see attachment for quote on meters.

- B) Explain if South Hopkins District has applied for, or obtained any, funding from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, or any other source for its on-going or future water meter replacements.**

As mentioned in the phone conference on 4/9/2025 between the PSC and SHWD, the District stated they were working towards other funding for the meter replacement. This is to include funding from KIA and USDA Rural Development.

- C) Explain whether South Hopkins District plans to use further water loss surcharge funds toward the meter replacement project.**

To be determined if SHWD gets RD and KIA funds.

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Question No. 3

Refer to the South Hopkins District's letter dated August 9, 2024, requesting to use water loss surcharge funds to purchase necessary materials to repair leaks

A) Provide a list of the specific materials proposed for purchase

Please see attachment for list of materials

B) Explain whether South Hopkins District currently has the requested materials in inventory or regularly purchases these materials for the district's normal operations.

SHWD has some materials in inventory, (to repair leaks as needed) and must buy replacements often. Using the Surcharge Funds would help decrease the expenses of the operating fund while focusing on creating a more manageable water loss.

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Question No. 4

Provide a copy of any estimates or invoices for the proposed materials for which South Hopkins District requested to use water loss surcharge funds.

Please see attached for invoice and quote

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Question No. 5

Explain how South Hopkins District intends to fund replacement of the inventory material as the material is utilized.

It is the goal of SHWD to have enough money in the operating account to replace materials when we are saving more money due to reducing water loss from repairing leaks.