

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC SOUTH HOPKINS WATER)	
DISTRICT UNACCOUNTED-FOR WATER LOSS)	CASE NO.
REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE AND)	2023-00018
MONITORING)	

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

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Question No 1

Responding witness: Kayla Goodaker

- 1) Refer to the South Hopkins District's letter dated August 9, 2024, requesting to use Surcharge Funds. Provide the missing quotes for the 200 meters and materials that South Hopkins District has stated is necessary for the installation of the meters.

Please see attached for the quote

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Question No 2

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- 2) Refer to South Hopkins District's Letter dated August 9, 2024, requesting to use Surcharge Funds. Confirm that South Hopkins District has sought or plans to seek a declaratory order or certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission for this project. If not confirmed, explain why not.

South Hopkins Water District was not planning to seek a declaratory order or certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission. South Hopkins Water District understood the original Commission order regarding the surcharge to say that funds from the surcharge would be paid based on the QIIP and Commission approval of South Hopkins' requests. To our understanding, the District is exempt from the CPCN because the rates would not go up due to the purchase of the meters. However, if the Commission believes a CPCN or declaratory order is required, South Hopkins will comply.

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Question No 3

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- 3) Refer to the South Hopkins District's letter dated August 9, 2024, requesting to use Surcharge Funds. Explain whether South Hopkins District plans to replace meters with radio read meters as described in its Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Plan (QIIP, filed on May 31, 2023, under the title of a Comprehensive Corrective Action Plan). If not, explain why not.

The District would like to replace the manual read meters with radio read meters. It seems would be more feasible to replace a few hundred meters at a time versus all 3000 meters at once and there simply isn't enough funds to replace all of the meters at one time. Radio Read meters would be more accurate, there by resulting in what would hopefully be a reduced UW.

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Question No 4

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4) Refer to South Hopkins District's response to Commission Staff's Second Request for information.

a) Confirm that South Hopkins District is no longer requesting approval for the additional employees proposed in the QIIP.

After careful consideration, the District has decided to request permission to hire a part time staff member to look for leaks. There isn't enough time for the current employees to look as often as needed. A part time employee could use their time searching for leaks in different areas using the leak detector that was recently purchased.

b) Confirm that South Hopkins District is no longer requesting approval for the purchase of the backhoe proposed in the QIIP.

The District is no longer requesting approval for a backhoe due to receiving grant money and purchasing a new one.

c) If South Hopkins District confirms a. and b. above, provide an updated QIIP that reflects all current proposed projects and purchases for the Commissions approval.

Please see attached updated QIIP