

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 SECOND REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION

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QUESTION NO. 1

Responding Witness: Kayla Goodaker

1. Refer to the Comprehensive Corrective Action Plan filed on May 31, 2023 in compliance with the Commission's February 14, 2023 Order requiring South Hopkins District to file a Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Plan (QIIP), Corrective Actions, No.

1, Line Replacement

- a. State whether South Hopkins District has obtained any funding from grants or otherwise for the proposed line replacement project.

SHWD has not obtained any funding from grants or otherwise for the proposed project as of June 5, 2024

- b. State whether South Hopkins District proposes to use any water loss surcharge funds towards the line replacement project in the future, and if so, any estimate of the amount it intends to expend from the water loss surcharge.

SHWD will use funds when service line leaks are found, with permission from the Commission. There is no way to tell until leaks are found how much it will cost to repair, based on the materials needed.

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QUESTION NO. 2

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2. Refer to QIPP, Corrective Actions, No. 2, Pump Stations. Explain whether South Hopkins District intends to use any water loss surcharge funds towards the routine maintenance of the pump stations.

Not at this time.

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QUESTION NO. 3

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3. Refer to QIIP, Corrective Actions, NO. 4, Staffing and Contracting.
- a. Provide the amount of salary that South Hopkins District proposes to pay the two dedicated employees for leak detection and repairs, including the amount of benefits, if any.

SHWD is not looking at this time to employ or contract out employees for leak detection. Instead, two leak detection pieces of equipment were purchased to help the current maintenance crew search for leaks. This appeared to be more affordable and more beneficial to the District.

- b. State whether South Hopkins District has obtained any bids for contract employees for the purpose of loss reduction, and if so, provide any documentation of any proposed rates for contract employee salary.

As in answer 'A' SHWD is not at the time looking to contract or hire additional employees, as it was more beneficial to purchase the leak finding equipment.

- c. Provide the amount of hours for each part time employee per month that South Hopkins intend to hire for leak detection and loss reduction.

Not applicable at this time, current employees will look for leaks with the purchased equipment.

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QUESTION NO. 4

Responding Witness: Kayla Goodaker and Jon Blalock

4. Refer to QIIP, Corrective Actions, No. 5, Adequate Vehicle.

- a. State whether South Hopkins District submitted an insurance claim when the Superintendent's vehicle was destroyed in the 2021 tornado, and whether any insurance payment was made to South Hopkins District as a result. If not, why?

There was an insurance payment issued for said truck, however, the truck was old and not valued or worth much. The payment was not enough to purchase a new truck of any kind. A loan would have had to be taken out as well and there was not enough funds to pay towards a loan for a new truck.

- b. State whether the actions listed for the Superintendents vehicle, including hauling generators to pump stations during power outages and getting to pump stations during inclement weather, are directly related to water loss reduction. Provide any other activities the proposed vehicle would be used for, and whether they are directly related to water loss reduction.

The inclement weather and generators don't directly save against water loss, however, other activities that would be used to reduce water loss is driving across rural areas to find leaks and to repair the leaks. The vehicle would make it easier to access the leaks in rural areas.

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QUESTION NO. 5

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5. Refer to QIIP, Corrective Actions, NO, 6, Reliable Trucks

- a. Provide the current conditions of the vehicles referenced as aging and high mileage, and explain any issues with the vehicles reliability.

All vehicles are high mileage and in moderate condition. On average, all vehicles have 100,000 plus miles. All vehicles have had to have repair work on them including transmission issues and normal wear and tear including brakes and tires.

- b. Provide the number of vehicles South Hopkins District intends to purchase with water loss surcharge funds, as well as any estimates for any vehicles that South Hopkins District has obtained for any such vehicles.

It would be beneficial to purchase 4 new vehicles as all have 100,000 plus miles on them, however, it would be helpful to be able to purchase at least one or two with the money so the employees can continue to find leaks in rural areas.

- c. Provide the activities the proposed replacement vehicles for staff would be used for, and whether they are directly related to water loss reduction.

Looking for leaks, customer services and having reliable equipment to work out of considering the amount of miles each maintenance employee has to drive on a daily basis.

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QUESTION NO. 6

Responding Witness: Kayla Goodaker

6. Refer to QIIP, Corrective Actions, No. 7, Large Equipment.

- a. State whether South Hopkins Districted submitted an insurance claim following the accident with the backhoe sustained damage, and whether any insurance payment was made to South Hopkins District as a result.

The money received was not enough to purchase a new backhoe. However, SHWD is anticipating grant money now to purchase a backhoe. At this time, there are no plans to use the surcharge money for this purchase.

- b. Provide the current conditions of the backhoe, and explain whether it is still operable, and any current damage that has not been repaired.

The current condition is fair at best, it is still operable, but routine work has to be done to it.

- c. Provide a list of activities South Hopkins District would use a new backhoe for and explain whether they are directly related to water loss reduction.

A new backhoe would be used to dig up the broken pipes where leaks are and replace them to restore water and save on water loss. It would be used to dig up main line and service line leaks on the District.