

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
PSC Case 2025-00232

In Re Matter of: ELECTRONIC SOUTHERN WATER AND SEWER  
DISTRICT UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER LOSS REDUCTION PLAN,  
SURCHARGE & MONITORING

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NOTICE OF FILING OF  
SELECTION PROCESS TO PROCURE  
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM

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Comes Southern Water and Sewer District “Southern”, by and through counsel, and provides the Public Service Commission with information as requested in Ordering Numerical 4 of the August 15, 2025 Order in Case 2025-232.

Said Order required Southern to file into the case record documentation of the selection process to procure a professional engineering firm for the purpose of developing a 15-20 year Capital Improvement Plan and resulting projects to address water loss throughout Southern’s system. Engineering services to be provided to Southern include, but are not limited to, planning, preliminary engineering reporting, design, bidding, construction administration, and resident project inspection services for the completion of this capital improvement plan.

Southern has attempted to gather relevant information on engineering firms that could potentially assist in developing a capital plan that prioritizes water loss initiatives. In order to select the most qualified engineering firm, Southern has published a newspaper advertisement/legal notice requesting any engineering firms interested in this

project to send Southern their qualifications/credentials. (See attached newspaper ad/legal notice.) Prospective engineering firms are encouraged to review the Request for Qualifications package that details the selection process Southern will use to select the engineering firm for this project. (See attached “request for qualifications package from consulting engineers”) Said legal notice requested that the firm’s qualifications/credentials be submitted to Southern by January 8, 2026. Southern encouraged any engineering firm experienced in the field of water distribution, hydraulics, water loss reduction tactics and funding agencies to submit their qualifications/credentials to be considered for this project.

The Request for Qualifications details the minimum qualifications for the engineering firm to be selected for this project; minimum of three years’ experience with federal/state funding programs, firm must have successfully completed engineering services for a minimum of three similar projects but said firm will not be accepted if there are any unresolved audit exceptions relative to engineering services, and the engineering firm must submit at least three references as to the firm’s professional qualifications.

Additionally, the Request for Qualifications includes the rating system Southern will utilize for the selection of the engineering firm for this project; Project Engineer’s Experience, Firm’s Project Completion Background, References from Similar Projects, Firm’s Familiarity with Community’s Needs, Availability/Commitment and Completion of Submission.

Southern has received three responses from prospective engineering firms to this request for credentials. Southern is currently in the process of evaluating each of these engineering firms to determine which firm would be the best fit for this project. Southern intends to review each of the engineering firms’ submissions and may schedule interview/meeting(s) with some of the firms in order to ask more detailed questions to assist Southern in making the decision on which firm to retain for this project. Southern is hopeful that one of the firms will be selected as a good fit for the creation of a 15-20

year capital plan that prioritizes water loss but reserves the right to seek additional prospective engineering firms to complete this project.

Each of Southern's Commissioners have received copies of the three engineering firms' qualifications/credentials. The Commissioners will review these firms at Southern's next regularly scheduled meeting on January 26, 2026. Southern anticipates making a decision on whether any of these three prospective engineering firms would be a good candidate for the creation of this capital plan at said meeting.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

These responses are true and accurate to the best of preparer's knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.

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