

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PSC Case 2025-233

In Re Matter of: ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION INTO SOUTHERN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT AND ITS INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONERS (BOB SHEPHERD, DONNIE DANIELS, RICK ROBERTS, STEVE DAWSON, AND LESLIE BYRON SCOTT) FOR ALLEGED ASSESSMENT OF AN UNAPPROVED RATE

RESPONSE TO PSC STAFF'S 1ST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Comes now Southern Water & Sewer District, by and through counsel, and provides the following Responses to the KY Public Service Commission Staff's 1st Request for Information.

1. Provide copies of 2025 training records for each current commissioner, if available. If not available, state whether each commissioner is attending training later this year or does not have plans to attend training.

ANSWER:

The commissioners are scheduled as follows:

Rick Roberts is scheduled for October 21, 2025, at Pine Mountain State Park
Donny Daniels, Steve Dawson, Bob Shepherd, and Byron Scott are scheduled for December 2nd, 2025, at the Public Service Commission Building in Frankfort.

Information gathered and provided by Ms. Lucy Howell.

2. Provide a document that establishes the appointment date of Randy Conley in his current role as Manager of the Southern District.

ANSWER:

Copy of letter attached.

Information provided by Mr. Greg May with UMG.

3. Provide training records and certifications obtained by Randy Conley since assuming the role of Manager for the Southern District.

ANSWER:

Randy Conley has earned Class III Distribution, Class III plant Operators since he has worked with Southern Water and Sewer District. He is enrolled and soon will graduate the UMI Training through Kentucky Rural Water. He also holds Class I Wastewater Treatment and Electrical License. Copies of each are attached.

Information provided by Mr. Randy Conley.

4. Provide the total number of occurrences and dollar amounts for the disconnect charges that were recorded in each calendar year beginning with initiation of the charge on October 4, 2022.

ANSWER:

Total number of occurrences for	year	2022=36 occurrences	\$1440.00
	year	2023=147 occurrences	\$5,880.00
	year	2024=82 occurrences	\$3,280.00
	year	2025=69 occurrences	\$1,774.00

- a. Provide the total number of occurrences and dollar amounts for customers that have an active account with Southern District.

Year 2022	21 active accounts	\$40.00 per fee=	\$840.00
Year 2023	100 active accounts	\$40.00 per fee=	\$4,000.00
Year 2024	65 active accounts	\$40.00 per fee=	\$2,600.00
Year 2025	62 active accounts	28x \$40.00 & 34x\$11.00 =	\$1,494.00

Note: as of August 15, 2025, the disconnection fee is \$11.00. At the time when the first charge for disconnection fee was billed, the service fee was \$40.00

- b. Provide the total number of occurrences and dollar amounts for customers that no longer have an active account with Southern District

Year 2022	15 inactive accounts	\$40.00 per fee=	\$600.00
Year 2023	47 inactive accounts	\$40.00 per fee=	\$1,880.00
Year 2024	17 inactive accounts	\$40.00 per fee=	\$680.00
Year 2025	7 inactive accounts	\$40.00 per fee =	\$280.00

Information gathered and provided by Ms. Lucy Howell.

5. Refer to Southern District's September 1, 2025 Response, Southern's_Response_to_Disconnect_Fee_25-233, that states Southern District has counseled UMG that no fee/charge shall be collected that is not specifically listed in Southern District's Tariff. State what other actions Southern District will take to ensure that its contracted management Company, UMG, adequately communicates all proposed changes to the Southern District Commissioners for their review and authorization prior to implementation.

ANSWER:

During the August 2025 monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Southern Water and Sewer District the Commissioners verbally informed Mr. Randy Conley and UMG that no customer accounts shall be charged for anything that is not specifically referenced in Southern's current tariff. Southern's Commissioners intend on continuing to monitor and request clarification that no charges have/will be instituted that are not listed in the current tariff and will work to ensure that their Tariff is reasonable and up to date.

Information gathered and provided by Ms. Lucy Howell and Hon. Steven Bailey.

CERTIFICATION

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

Respectfully Submitted on this the 14th day of October 2025 by;

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