

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER)
COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO)
DEVIATE FROM 807 KAR 5:006,) CASE NO. 2016-00394
SECTION 26(6)(b))

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO KENTUCKY-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

Kentucky-American Water Company ("Kentucky-American"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original in paper medium and an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due within 14 days of the date of this request. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Kentucky-American shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Kentucky-American fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When filling a paper containing personal information, Kentucky-American shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Provide the following information concerning Kentucky-American's meters and meter settings:
 - a. State whether Kentucky-American conducts periodic inspections of its meters or meter settings.
 - b. If Kentucky-American conducts periodic inspections of its meters or meter settings, provide the inspection schedule(s).
 - c. If Kentucky-American does not conduct periodic inspections of its meters or meter settings, state whether Kentucky-American has ever conducted periodic inspections of its meters or meter settings and, if applicable, the date(s) the most recent periodic inspections ended.

2. Refer to numbered paragraph 6 of the Petition wherein Kentucky-American states that its “current system of inspecting meters and meter settings also assures safe operations” and provide the following information:

a. Fully describe Kentucky-American’s current system of inspecting meters and meter settings.

b. State the system of inspections that Kentucky-American will use for its meters and meter settings in the event that the Commission grants Kentucky-American a deviation from the requirement to inspect meters and meter settings as often as necessary but not less frequently than established in 807 KAR 5:006, Section 26(6)(b).

c. State how Kentucky-American’s current system of systematic inspections of its system ensures that Kentucky-American is conducting inspections of its meters and meter settings as often as necessary but not less frequently than established in 807 KAR 5:006, Section 26(6)(b).

d. Notwithstanding sub-parts a and b, above, state whether Kentucky-American inspects meters and meter settings only upon either being notified by a customer or alerted by an abnormal change in a customer’s usage.

3. Fully explain whether it is Kentucky-American’s position that an inspection of a meter and meter setting no less frequently than annually does not provide better assurance that the Commission’s safety requirements are being met than an inspection of a meter or meter setting based upon a notification from a customer or an alert by an abnormal change in a customer’s usage.

4. Fully explain whether it is Kentucky-American's position that an inspection of a meter and meter setting no less frequently than annually is not necessary to detect tampering, vandalism, and damage to the meter or meter setting.

5. State why Kentucky-American did not propose an alternative time period for the minimum frequency of inspections of its meters and meter settings such as a three-year or five-year minimum frequency.

6. Refer to numbered paragraph 4 of the Petition wherein Kentucky-American provided a schedule of its valve inspection and exercising program and provide the following:

a. Provide the factors that support each proposed valve inspection and exercise interval.

b. State how Kentucky-American's current system of systematic inspections of its system ensures that Kentucky-American is conducting inspections of its valves as often as necessary but not less frequently than established in 807 KAR 5:006, Section 26(6)(b).

7. Refer to numbered paragraph 5 of the Petition wherein Kentucky-American stated that it "has, on average, a valve every 530 feet" and provide the following information:

a. State whether some of the valves located adjacent to each other will be on different inspection schedules depending upon their respective sizes.

b. State why Kentucky-American does not propose to consider the

location of a valve as a factor, in addition to the size of the valve, in determining the appropriate inspection interval for the valve.

c. State how Kentucky-American detects valve damage short of failure and how Kentucky-American detects a complete valve failure.



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