

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CITY OF DRAKESBORO D/B/A DRAKESBORO	)	
NATURAL GAS COMPANY - ELECTRONIC	)	CASE NO.
INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED FAILURE TO	)	2019-00065
COMPLY WITH KRS 278.495, 807 KAR 5:027,	)	
AND 49 C.F.R. PART 192	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO CITY OF DRAKESBORO D/B/A DRAKESBORO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

The city of Drakesboro d/b/a Drakesboro Natural Gas Company (Drakesboro), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001E, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on March 14, 2023. The Commission directs Drakesboro to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and 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

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

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.

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

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned 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 applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Drakesboro shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001E, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to USDI Retainer agreement filed on February 8, 2023.
  - a. Provide copies of all correspondence with USDI.
  - b. Provide copies of all invoices from USDI.
  - c. State all tasks currently being provided by USDI.
  - d. State whether Drakesboro intends to delegate additional tasks to USDI.

2. Provide copies of any Drakesboro Council meeting minutes pertaining to the natural gas distribution system.

3. Refer to Drakesboro's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 7.

a. State whether Brian Jones has resigned.

b. State Drakesboro's plan for hiring and training any new operators.

c. State Drakesboro's plan and timeline for further training Bryan Allard.

4. Describe any efforts Drakesboro has made to investigate the alternative of selling or transferring its natural gas distribution system to another operator.

5. Refer to the "Grant\_program\_information" document filed on February 8, 2023, pertaining to the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant.

a. If an application was filed, provide a copy of the application and identify the status of this application.

b. If an application was not filed:

(1) Explain why this grant was not applied for;

(2) State whether Drakesboro can reapply for another grant from this program;

(3) State when the next application deadline is;

(4) State when Drakesboro plans to file an application.

6. Refer to the October 20, 2021 letter from the Department for Local Government filed on February 8, 2023.

a. If this document was signed by an agent of Drakesboro, provide a copy of the document with that signature.

b. If this document was signed by an agent of Drakesboro, provide an update on the status of this grant, including the date and attendees of the grant agreement meeting referenced in the letter, and a copy of the grant agreement.

c. If this document was not signed by an agent of Drakesboro:

(1) Explain why this grant was allowed to expire;

(2) State whether Drakesboro can reapply for another grant from this program;

(3) State when the next application deadline is;

(4) State when Drakesboro plans to file an application.

7. Refer to the Commission's February 25, 2021 Order, page 72, paragraph 3(a) regarding Phase I construction, described in Exhibit A to Drakesboro's post-hearing brief. Identify Drakesboro's Phase I:

a. Progress;

b. Financing plan;

c. Timeline for completion;

d. Construction plan, including:

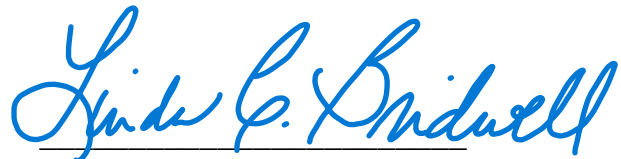
(1) Current cost estimates;

(2) Plan to ensure system safety while construction is ongoing;

(3) Plan to minimize or mitigate any necessary service outages.

8. Refer to the Commission's February 25, 2021 Order, page 72, paragraph 3(c) regarding replacement of all steel mains. Identify Drakesboro's:

- a. Progress;
- b. Financing plan;
- c. Timeline for completion;
- d. Construction plan, including:
  - (1) Current cost estimates;
  - (2) Plan to ensure system safety while construction is ongoing;
  - (3) Plan to minimize or mitigate any necessary service outages.



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