

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER)	CASE NO.
DISTRICT METER REPLACEMENT)	2020-00121
SURCHARGE MONITORING)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Southern Water & Sewer District (Southern District), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due within 20 days of the date of this request. Pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,¹ issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, Southern District SHALL NOT FILE the original paper copy of all requested information at this time, but rather shall file original paper copies within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

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

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Southern District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Southern District 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 Southern District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Southern District shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

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

1. State whether Southern District has selected the master meters that it requests to purchase.
2. If master meters have been selected, explain how Southern District made the selection, such as whether a request for purchase (RFP) was issued.
3. If an RFP was issued, provide written evaluations and bid tabulation sheets that ranked meter vendor proposals for the master meter RFP and a details explanation for the vendor selection.

4. If master meters have been selected, identify the vendor, type of meter, estimated cost, and projected timeline.

5. If master meters have been selected, explain whether the cost exceeds the balance in the meter surcharge account and, if so, how Southern District proposes to pay for the master meters.

6. State whether Southern District intends to apply for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the master meters, and if so, provide the estimated date that Southern District will file the CPCN application.

7. Provide a status update for the approximately \$1.5 million grant from Abandoned Mine Lands funds, including any amounts received by Southern District and how the funds were expended.

8. Provide a status update for the approximately \$250,000 grant for the Estill Bottom Project in Wayland, Kentucky, including any amounts received by Southern District and how the funds were expended.

9. State whether Southern District received any other grants or loans for infrastructure improvements, including any amounts awarded or received by Southern District and how the funds were expended.

10. Provide monthly water loss reports for calendar years 2019 and 2020.



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