

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC WESTERN FLEMING COUNTY)	
WATER DISTRICT'S UNACCOUNTED-FOR)	CASE NO.
WATER LOSS REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE)	2022-00305
AND MONITORING)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FOURTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO WESTERN FLEMING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Western Fleming County Water District (Western Fleming District), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on January 10, 2025. The Commission directs Western Fleming District to the Commission's July 22, 2021, Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ 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 person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

¹ 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).

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

Western Fleming District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Western Fleming District obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Western Fleming District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Western Fleming 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 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, Western Fleming 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. Refer to Western Fleming District's Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Plan (QIIP), first paragraph.

a. Explain the need for the replacement of Western Fleming District's meters.

b. Provide a breakdown of the average age for each type of meter (residential, commercial, etc.) that Western Fleming District currently has in service.

c. Explain any problems Western Fleming District is experiencing with its existing meters.

d. Explain whether any of Western Fleming District's current meters are under warranty, and whether any warranty claims have been made if Western Fleming District has experienced any problems with the meters.

e. Provide the number of meters Western Fleming District plans to replace and the timeline under which it plans to implement these replacements.

f. Provide details regarding the make and model of the proposed replacement cellular water meters and the cost for each meter.

g. Provide a copy of any estimates Western Fleming District received for the purchase and installation of the proposed replacement cellular water meters.

h. Explain whether Western Fleming District plans to use water loss surcharge funds toward the meter replacement project.

i. The proposed water meter replacements project is estimated to cost \$144,477 plus installation. Explain how Western Fleming District plans to fund the total amount for the project.

j. Confirm whether Western Fleming District has sought or plans to seek a declaratory order finding the project falls within the ordinary course of business or seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commission for this project. If not confirmed, explain why not.

2. Refer to Western Fleming District's QIIP, second paragraph.

a. Provide any details of Western Fleming District's proposed line replacement project, including the linear feet and diameter of the line to be replaced,

locations within the system where the line replacements will occur, and the proposed timeline for the line replacements.

b. Provide a copy of all estimates received by Western Fleming District regarding the total estimated cost of \$2,780,000 for the proposed line replacement project.

c. Explain whether Western Fleming District plans to use any water loss surcharge funds towards the proposed line replacement project.

d. Explain whether Western Fleming District has sought funding for the line replacement project from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, or any other source.

 

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