

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC FILING OF BLACK MOUNTAIN)	
WATER DISTRICT UNACCOUNTED FOR)	CASE NO.
WATER LOSS REDUCTION PLAN, SURCHARGE)	2023-00202
AND MONITORING)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO BLACK MOUNTAIN WATER DISTRICT

Black Mountain Water District (Black Mountain 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 October 25, 2024. The Commission directs Black Mountain 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.

Black Mountain District shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Black Mountain 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 Black Mountain District fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Black Mountain 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, Black Mountain 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 Black Mountain District's response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information, Item 4c.

a. Confirm whether Black Mountain District still asserts that the purchase of an additional listening device referenced under subsection 1 is necessary, following the approval of the purchases of an AQUASCOPE Water Leak Detector granted

by Order issued May 30, 2024 and an AQUA TEST 10-SDR water leak detector by Order issued August 15, 2024. If so, explain why the additional listening device is necessary.

b. Explain whether Black Mountain District is currently in the process of identifying areas of old copper lines prone to leaks referenced under subsection 5.

(1) If so, explain the process of how those areas have been identified, provide a list of those locations, and a break-down of the expenses involved in locating these areas, and whether Black Mountain District proposes to utilize water loss surcharge funds towards those expenses.

(2) If not, explain when Black Mountain District plans to begin its efforts to locate these areas and whether it proposes to utilize water loss surcharge funds towards expenses related to location of these areas.

c. Explain what Black Mountain District means specifically for item 6 listed: "Utilize casing on problem areas where there are continual leaks." Include in the response details regarding how casing will reduce water loss and how Black Mountain District intends to install the casing on existing piping.

d. Explain whether Black Mountain District is currently in the process of utilizing casing on problem areas where there are continual leaks.

(1) If so, provide an explanation of when this practice began, as well as a list of the problem areas where continual leaks have been identified and casing has been utilized and the costs associated with this project.

(2) If not, explain when Black Mountain District plans to begin its efforts to utilize casing on areas of continual leaks, and whether it proposes to utilize water loss surcharge funds towards expenses related to this project.



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