

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UI 355

In the Matter of

SUNRIVER WATER LLC,

Request for Approval of an Affiliated
Interest Agreement with Sunriver
Environmental, LLC.

MEMORANDUM

On May 22, 2015, the Sunriver Owners Association (SROA) filed a letter requesting whether this docket is now a contested case proceeding. SROA raises the question because it received copies of data requests Staff had sent to Sunriver Water, LLC.

SROA is correct that, under Commission rules and our internal operating guidelines, data requests are used as a discovery tool in contested case proceedings. *See* OAR 860-001-0540. Staff's use of data requests here, however, reflects a misuse of the term "data requests" rather than a reflection on the change in case status. This matter is still being reviewed under the Commission's open meeting process. Staff's "data requests" were merely requests for information intended to assist Staff in its review. Staff still intends to present Sunriver Water's request at an upcoming public meeting, at which time the Commission will decide whether to open a contested case proceeding.

Dated this 26th day of May 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge