

Date: 9/19/2022  
Public Utilities Commission of Oregon  
Administrative Hearings Division  
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Re: CASE # UW193

To: Whom it may concern

This is a request for reconsideration to the proposed increases in Nottingham's Irrigation Water.

The proposed increases for the Irrigation water is an unfair request due to the history of the irrigation water rights in Nottingham. I hope that many of people involved in this decision are aware of the Irrigation water history in Nottingham.

The ( super ) short version of for those that do not know, @ 1970's Developer Ward created 4 subdivisions in Bend Oregon and then later ( @ 2000's ), maliciously and intentionally conspired to remove their 1 in stream irrigation water rights from these existing completed subdivisions.

This punitive action was taken by Developer Ward in retaliation to the 4 PUD's for suing the Juniper Utility ( a Ward Company ) for lack of reliable and consistent potable water. This action was approved and condoned by the Oregon Water Resources Division, Developers, Government Agencies and Political Officials. No one questioned ( or took action ) as to the validity of this deceptive action. No one thought to ask is this appropriate? No one thought to reach out or contact the PUD HOA's? This is a very long and complicated story but that does not mean it should be ignored or that innocent residents should be footing the bill for irrigation infrastructure that they have been paying @ 40 years. ( To what entity were these water rights transferred to? )

The recent request for increase in irrigation water rates has not been fully veiled. Avion water is a pass through provider to Nottingham PUD for irrigation. Avion has not fully demonstrated or documented the need for the requested irrigation water rate increases to the Public Utilities Commission or to the residents of Nottingham. The proposed increase is an unprecedented high rate for irrigation water in Central Oregon.

The correct action here is to stop this increase and to immediately put into motion ( require ) other options for irrigation that can be provided at the current fees or at lower fee than what we are paying now. Nottingham should not be held hostage and responsible for irrigation improvements for future development and infrastructure.

A Resident of Nottingham