

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comments - UM 2280
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 2:44:05 PM

Good afternoon,

J [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] has requested his two emails below and my response be added as public comments to the above-referenced docket.

Thanks,
D [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: OREGON PUC RESPONSE: Question - What happens if a regulated water utility fails

D [REDACTED]

Thanks so much.

Let's go ahead and add it along with your response...

Thanks again for all you do.

On Tue, May 9, 2023, 11:57 [REDACTED] wrote:

Good morning again,

Legally, a company cannot walk away from its obligation to serve their customers. That said, the PUC also does not have a way to prevent a company from taking such drastic measures. We could fine a company or take them to court, but that does not keep the water flowing (nor has fining had an impact previously with Sun Country Water).

If that situation was to occur, the Commission would immediately seek a regent to take over the system—permanently. There is also the possibility of someone from OAWU potentially running the system or recommending options for a provider.

Do you want your email below added to the public comments as well?

D [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Oregon Public Utility Commission
Consumer Services Section
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 11:37 AM
To: J [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]
Subject: OREGON PUC RESPONSE: Question - What happens if a regulated water utility fails

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Oregon Public Utility Commission
Consumer Services Section

[REDACTED]

From: J [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 10:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Question - What happens if a regulated water utility fails

Good morning,

My concern is with Sun Country Water, LLC for the following reasons:

The DOJ is proposing significant fines. See Docket UM 2280

The company owes over \$43,000 to Deschutes Co. for utility taxes.

One of the principals ([REDACTED]) has liens totaling over 1/2 a million dollars recorded against him.

I don't expect the Commission to play fortune teller and predict the future, but what happens if the taps run dry?

From: J [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Question - What happens if a regulated water utility fails

Greetings,

What would happen if a rate and service regulated water utility were to, "walk away" or go out of business and let the, "taps run dry?"

Would the PUC facilitate the restoration of service?

Offhand, do you know the names of any water companies that this has happened to?

Thanks in advance,

J B
[Redacted]