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Subject: General rate filing by Sunriver Water LLC / Environmental LLC requesting a rate hike

To: Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Via email to puc.publiccomments@puc.oregon.gov

Re: General rate filing submitted by Sunriver Water LLC / Environmental LLC requesting an increase of their rates by nearly 40%

September 9, 2021

The reason that Sunriver Water LLC / Environmental LLC gives for requesting the rate hike is that they want larger profits. They specifically state that they made \$1,843,448 in 2020 but would prefer to make \$2,569,990 annually.

In addition to our Sunriver home, we have a home in Seattle where the public utilities providers are owned by the government. This provides oversight and some level of consumer advocacy. Since SunRiver contracts with this private LLC to provide the critically important and required basic services of water and sewage, it seems a bit like a local monopoly in that the city has no alternatives from which to choose. Most private companies, in a capitalistic market, could not just raise their prices that much and remain in business, even if they were selling non-essential products or services.

A 40 percent increase purely because the LLC wants to make more money seems out of line, particularly during a time when many people's income is compromised due to COVID. Current annual cost-of-living increases stand at 1.2-1.4 percent. Their request seems unreasonable.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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