

August 2, 2021

BY EMAIL

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: WA 83 Administrative Hearings Division
Email: puc.hearings@state.or.us

RE: In the Matter of Sunriver Water LLC - Expanded Service Territory Application (WA 83)
Submission For Public Comment Hearing On August 4, 2021

Dear Madam or Sir:

Enclosed for inclusion in the record of the public comment hearing to be held on August 4, 2021 in the matter of Sunriver Water LLC - Expanded Service Territory Application (WA 83) is a letter to the editor from Sunriver Resort Limited Partnership.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Susan Zimmerman
Paralegal

Enclosure

cc: Steven P. Hultberg

Letter to Scene 12 July 2021

In last month's Scene, there were two submittals regarding concerns over the elimination of two wells (number #4 and #12) with the sale of the Sunriver Water Company (SWC) in 2019. We would like to clarify the situation surrounding the concerns expressed.

Located next to the banks of the Deschutes and north of Harper Bridge, Well #4 was constructed in 1943 as part of Camp Abbot and began serving Sunriver in 1967. The water rights associated with #4 were for groundwater extraction (as are all water rights owned by SWC). In 1995, Oregon Water Resources advised SWC that the rights for #4 could no longer be utilized at that location due to its proximity to the Deschutes and their concern that surface water from the river might make its way into #4. As a result, the water rights to #4 were transferred to another SWC well further away from the Deschutes, and the pumps and equipment were removed. The shaft was later filled with concrete to render it inoperable. At the time of the sale of SWC, #4 had not been in service to SWC for 20 years, so had no impact on water production to the system.

Also mentioned was Well #12, located at the NE corner of Crosswater. Constructed in 1993 as part of the Crosswater development, this well was given to SWC by the developer. A few years into service, it was discovered that water from #12 was unsuitable for domestic use (due to blue mineral deposits) and, in 2006 when the main Sunriver production well #14 was completed, #12 was disconnected. The water rights associated with #12 were transferred to #14, and the well was modified to provide for irrigation of the Crosswater golf course with specific rights for that use only.

Both of these wells were retained by Sunriver Resort to eliminate the ongoing costs and liabilities of owning those sites by SWC. This was reviewed and approved by the Public Utility Commission as part of the SWC sale in 2019. Also, it was determined that retaining these wells would not have any adverse impact on the operations and service to SWC customers, including the ability of SWC to serve the Caldera Springs expansion area in the future. This information is all contained in the PUC records and can be found on the PUC website for any who may be interested in examining further.

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Sunriver Resort