

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

2 **OF OREGON**

3 **UW 186**

4 In the Matter of
5 **SUNRIVER WATER LLC,**
6 Request for a General Rate Revision
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**SUPPORTING STATEMENT OF
SUNRIVER OWNERS
ASSOCIATION**

8 1. I am James Lewis, the General Manager of the Sunriver Owners Association
9 (SROA).

10 2. SROA is the administrator of Sunriver, a planned community comprised of
11 interrelated villages containing homes, condominiums, recreation, shopping facilities,
12 and a resort complex located in Deschutes County, Oregon. SROA and its members
13 (residential, commercial, and resort) constitute the substantial majority of Sunriver
14 Water's customers.

15 3. SROA has participated in several Sunriver Water proceedings before the
16 Commission. On July 6, 2021, SROA filed a petition to intervene as a party in this
17 proceeding, and on July 14, the Administrative Law Judge granted our petition.

18 4. SROA conducted discovery and participated in the settlement conferences
19 with the Company and PUC Staff on December 9, and 14, 2021 at which the term sheet
20 that is now reduced to the Stipulation was negotiated.

**THE SUNRIVER OWNERS ASSOCIATION
Resolution 2022-001**

**In the Matter of Sunriver Water, LLC
(OPUC Docket No. UW 186)**

WHEREAS, Sunriver Water, LLC (“Sunriver Water” or “Company”) is a water company and a public utility regulated by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“OPUC”); and

WHEREAS, The Sunriver Owners Association (“SROA”) is the administrator of Sunriver, a planned community comprised of interrelated villages containing homes, condominiums, recreation, shopping facilities, and a resort complex located in Deschutes County, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, SROA and its members constitute the substantial majority of Sunriver Water’s approximate population of 4,775 customers; and

WHEREAS, On May 28, 2021, Sunriver Water filed an application with the OPUC requesting a general rate revision, Docket No. UW 186 (“Rate Proceeding”). The Company requested to increase its revenues from \$1,843,448 to \$2,569,990, which was a 39.41% increase; and

WHEREAS, By Order No. 21-177, entered June 2, 2021, the OPUC suspended the proposed rate increase to provide its staff time to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of Sunriver Water’s application; and

WHEREAS, On July 6, 2021, SROA filed a petition to intervene in the Rate Proceeding to ensure that Sunriver Water provides safe and adequate service to SROA and its members at just and reasonable rates; and

WHEREAS, On July 14, 2021, the OPUC granted SROA’s petition to intervene; and

WHEREAS, SROA was represented in the Rate Proceedings by John Stephens of Esler, Stephens & Buckley, LLP, and Josh Newton of Best Best & Krieger LLP, formerly Karnopp Petersen LLP; and

WHEREAS, on December 9 and 14, 2021, Sunriver Water, SROA, and OPUC staff participated in settlement conferences resulting in a confidential proposed Term Sheet of Stipulation (“Term Sheet”); and

WHEREAS, Having reviewed the confidential Term Sheet in executive session with legal counsel and SROA staff, the Board of Directors believes that it is prudent and in the best interests of SROA and its members to approve the Term Sheet, subject to the express condition that the Term Sheet be incorporated into a written stipulation that is agreeable to SROA and that is filed with the OPUC and adopted as a final order; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of The Sunriver Owners Association, pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 of the Bylaws of Sunriver Owners Association (revised Dec. 21, 2019), Section 9.01 of the Consolidated Plan of Sunriver (revised Aug. 2021), and Oregon law that:

1. The Board of Directors of The Sunriver Owners Association approves the confidential Term Sheet subject to a written stipulation that is agreeable to SROA and that is filed with the OPUC and adopted as a final order; and
2. The President of the Board of Directors in consultation with the General Manager and legal counsel is authorized to negotiate the final terms of settlement, including any additional or modified terms deemed reasonable or desirable, and to execute all necessary documentation and agreements on behalf of SROA relating to the settlement of the Rate Proceeding.

IDENTIFICATION

I, **MARK MURRAY**, hereby certify that I was the Secretary of a duly called meeting of the directors of **THE SUNRIVER OWNERS ASSOCIATION** ("SROA"), which was held on the 15th day of January, 2022, at Sunriver, Oregon, and that the foregoing Resolutions, were and are the Resolutions unanimously approved by the directors in attendance of SROA in said meeting assembled, and that they are the whole thereof exactly as adopted, and that I make this certificate to identify the same pursuant to motion duly made, seconded and carried in said meeting.



MARK MURRAY, Secretary

cc: Sunriver Water, LLC
Oregon Public Utility Commission