

ORDER NO. 02-589

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of an Investigation Regarding)
the Operations and Service Quality of)
JUNIPER UTILITY COMPANY.)

ORDER

DISPOSITION: INVESTIGATION CLOSED

On April 30, 2001, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) opened this investigation into the Juniper Utility Company's (JUC's) service quality and the adequacy of JUC's rates. Numerous conferences were held and an audit of the JUC water and irrigation system was completed. The investigation was subsequently held in abeyance pending litigation in Deschutes County.

On April 23, 2002, an order was entered in the Deschutes County Circuit Court, which allowed the City of Bend to take immediate possession of JUC property subject to eminent domain. The City of Bend is now providing utility service to customers who were previously served by JUC.

On May 13, 2002, an Administrative Law Judge asked the parties to show cause why pending issues in this docket were not moot, and to show cause why the case should not be dismissed. Responses were due by June 10, 2002. On June 5, 2002, Mr. Don Gamble filed a response, which he subsequently withdrew on June 17, 2002. There were no other responses.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the investigation into Juniper Utility Company's adequacy of rates and service quality is closed.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Roy Hemmingway
Chairman

Lee Beyer
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.