ISSUED: June 30, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UW 209

In the Matter of SALMON VALLEY WATER COMPANY; SUNSTONE WATER, LLC; LAKESHORE WATER COMPANY, LLC; SEAVEY LOOP WATER COMPANY, LLC; and SOUTH COAST WATER COMPANY, LLC Request for a General Rate Revision.	RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED

On June 24, 2026, Mr. David Glennie, a pro se intervenor in these proceedings, filed a motion requesting waiver of the requirements of OAR 860-001-0010(2) for good cause. Mr. Glennie requests that Mr. Zach Bendt be designated as his Authorized Representative for the limited purpose of navigating the Huddle information system and organizing entries to assist Mr. Glennie's research. OAR 860-001-0010(2) defines "Authorized Representative" as "a member of a partnership; an authorized officer or regular employee of a corporation, association, or organized group; an office or regular employee of an organization affiliate with the party if the office or employee is authorized to represent the party; or an authorized office or employee of a governmental authority."

On June 16, 2026, NW Natural Water Company, LLC on behalf of Salmon Valley Water Company, Sunstone Water, LLC, Lakeshore Water Company, LLC, Seavey Loop Water Company, LLC, and South Coast Water Company, LLC (Consolidated Sunstone Utilities) withdrew its previously filed Notice of Objection to Mr. Bendt's request for access to confidential information under the General Protective Order in place in these proceedings. The Consolidated Sunstone Utilities note that, based upon conversations with Mr. Glennie, Mr. Bendt's participation will be limited to providing technological and administrative assistance necessary to enable Mr. Glennie to effectively participate in these proceedings, and Mr. Bendt will not actively participate in the disposition of these proceedings. The Consolidated Sunstone Utilities note that they no longer oppose Mr. Bendt's qualification under the General Protective Order so long as Mr. Bendt's

participation does not exceed what is reasonably necessary to assist Mr. Glennie's effective participation.

OAR 860-001-000(2) empowers the Commission or an Administrative Law Judge to waive any rule for good cause shown and requires any request for an exemption be made in writing.

I find that waiver of OAR 860-001-0020(2) will facilitate Mt. Glennie's effective participation as an intervenor in these proceedings. For good cause shown, Mr. Glennie's motion is granted pursuant to OAR 860-001-0000

Dated: June 30, 2026.

Brent Coleman
Administrative Law Judge

Attachment: Notice of Contested Case Rights and Procedures

NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

Oregon law requires state agencies to provide parties written notice of contested case rights and procedures. Under ORS 183.413, you are entitled to be informed of the following:

Hearing: The time and place of any hearing held in these proceedings will be noticed separately. The Commission will hold the hearing under its general authority set forth in ORS 756.040 and use procedures set forth in ORS 756.518 through 756.610 and OAR Chapter 860, Division 001. Copies of these statutes and rules may be accessed via the Commission's website at https://www.oregon.gov/puc/Pages/default.aspx. The Commission will hear issues as identified by the parties.

Right to Attorney: As a party to these proceedings, you may be represented by counsel. Should you desire counsel but cannot afford one, legal aid may be able to assist you; parties are ordinarily represented by counsel. The Commission Staff, if participating as a party in the case, will be represented by the Department of Justice. Generally, once a hearing has begun, you will not be allowed to postpone the hearing to obtain counsel.

Notice to Active Duty Servicemembers: Active Duty Servicemembers have a right to stay these proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571 or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through http://legalassistance.law.af.mil. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll free telephone number.

Administrative Law Judge: The Commission has delegated the authority to preside over hearings to Administrative Law Judges (ALJs). The scope of an ALJ's authority is defined in OAR 860-001-0090. The ALJs make evidentiary and other procedural rulings, analyze the contested issues, and present legal and policy recommendations to the Commission.

Hearing Rights: You have the right to respond to all issues identified and present evidence and witnesses on those issues. *See* OAR 860-001-0450 through OAR 860-001-0490. You may obtain discovery from other parties through depositions, subpoenas, and data requests. *See* ORS 756.538 and 756.543; OAR 860-001-0500 through 860-001-0540.

Evidence: Evidence is generally admissible if it is of a type relied upon by reasonable persons in the conduct of their serious affairs. *See* OAR 860-001-0450. Objections to the admissibility of evidence must be made at the time the evidence is offered. Objections are generally made on grounds that the evidence is unreliable, irrelevant, repetitious, or because its probative value is outweighed by the danger of unfair prejudice, confusion of the issues, or undue delay. The order of presenting evidence is determined by the ALJ. The burden of presenting evidence to support an allegation rests with the person raising the allegation. Generally, once a hearing is completed, the ALJ will not allow the introduction of additional evidence without good cause.

Record: The hearing will be recorded, either by a court reporter or by audio digital recording, to preserve the testimony and other evidence presented. Parties may contact the court reporter about ordering a transcript or request, if available, a copy of the audio recording from the Commission for a fee set forth in OAR 860-001-0060. The hearing record will be made part of the evidentiary record that serves as the basis for the Commission's decision and, if necessary, the record on any judicial appeal.

Final Order and Appeal: After the hearing, the ALJ will prepare a draft order resolving all issues and present it to the Commission. The draft order is not open to party comment. The Commission will make the final decision in the case and may adopt, modify, or reject the ALJ's recommendation. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may request reconsideration of the final order within 60 days from the date of service of the order. *See* ORS 756.561 and OAR 860-001-0720. You may also file a petition for review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the date of service of the order. *See* ORS 756.610.