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Marleene Merritt  
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RE: Notice of failure to correct significant deficiencies at the Power City Water Co-op public water system

Records indicate Power City Water Co-op owns and operates the public water system (hereinafter “Water System”), identified by public water system ID# OR4100375 and serving residences and businesses near the intersection of U.S. Highway 395 and Power City Road, southeast of Umatilla, Oregon. Power City Water Co-op (hereinafter “Water Supplier”) is therefore a water supplier as defined in ORS 448.115(12) and OAR 333-061-0020(150) and has specific responsibilities as defined in OAR 333-061-0025.

The Water System is subject to regulation according to the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (Oregon Revised Statutes 448.115 to 448.290) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0005 through OAR 333-061-0272.

OAR 333-061-0076(5) requires water suppliers to correct significant deficiencies identified during sanitary surveys or to comply with an approved corrective action schedule. The Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services (DWS) reviewed the operation of the Water System and found that a significant deficiency, failure to submit an annual consumer confidence report, remains uncorrected following two consecutive sanitary surveys.

Water Supplier has not reported that this deficiency was corrected by the specified due date, following the surveys conducted on June 12, 2018 and August 4, 2022 respectively. Water Supplier is therefore not in compliance with OAR 333-061-0076(5) and not meeting its responsibilities as a water supplier.

Please submit written verification to [bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov) within 30 days of the date of this notice, demonstrating that this deficiency was corrected.

If Water Supplier does not comply with the deadline specified in this letter, the continued non-compliance may result in additional enforcement action, which could include the assessment of civil penalties in the amount of \$50 for every distinct rule violation and for every day the Water System is in violation of a rule as prescribed by OAR 333-061-0090. Contact me at [bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov) or (503) 735-5438 if you have any questions about the compliance action specified in this letter.

Respectfully,



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