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Chuck Scholz City of Monroe PO Box 378 Harrisburg, OR 97446

RE: Notice of failure to correct significant deficiencies at the City of Monroe public water system

Records indicate the City of Monroe owns and operates the public water system (hereinafter "Water System"), serving the residents and businesses of Monroe, Oregon. The City of Monroe (hereinafter "Water Supplier") are 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 identified by public water system ID# OR4100540 and 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 or to be in compliance with an approved corrective action schedule. The Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services (DWS) has reviewed the operation of the Water System and found that a significant deficiency was identified during a sanitary survey conducted on August 10, 2022. Water Supplier has not reported that this significant deficiency was corrected by the November 10, 2022 due date. Water Supplier is therefore not in compliance with OAR 333-061-0076(5) and not meeting its responsibilities as a water supplier.

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This deficiency, the failure to conduct membrane filter direct integrity testing according to regulatory requirements, is considered a direct pathway for contamination to enter a water system and is a priority for correction.

Please submit written verification to me that this deficiency is corrected within 30 days of the date of this notice.

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 \$250 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. Please contact me at <u>bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov</u> or (503) 735-5438 if you have any questions about the compliance action specified in this letter.

Respectfully,

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Brad K. Daniels Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

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