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*Letter sent via e-mail only.*

Re: **Nantucket Shores (PWS ID #95088)**  
**Wells #4, 5, & 6 and Secondary Treatment**  
**Conditional Approval (PR #153-2023)**

Dear Ms. Giddings:

On November 27, 2023, our office received a plan review fee of \$825 for the review of 3 new wells to serve Nantucket Shores (PWS ID#95088). We received preliminary test results on November 9, 2023, from Brenda Giddings and some maps showing the locations of the wells from Ben Johnson on November 17, 2023.

The wells will be designated as follows in our database under a separate entry point (EP-B). The treatment plant will be designated "WTP-B".

- 2022 Well #4 (SRC-BA) – TILL 53249 - L148794
- 2023 Well #5 (SRC-BB) – TILL 53256 - L148780
- 2023 Well #6 (SRC-BC) – TILL 53259 - L148782

The well logs (driller's reports) were sent to our geologist on November 30, 2023, and he reported back yesterday that all three wells were adequately constructed and appear to be drilled into a confined aquifer. See page 6 of this letter for more information.

In reviewing the wells and water rights in this area, it appears that the water rights transfer application #T12689 amending water right permit #G18131, to allow 3 new points of appropriation is still pending review. The original permit G18131 allows up to 0.29 cfs (130 gpm) from each of up to two wells for "quasi-municipal use" as summarized in the table on the following page. The location of the 3 constructed wells #4, #5, and #6 do not match the water rights transfer map available online at:  
[https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/wr/wrinfo/wr\\_transfer\\_centric.aspx?transfer\\_char=T&transfer\\_nbr=13978](https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/wr/wrinfo/wr_transfer_centric.aspx?transfer_char=T&transfer_nbr=13978)

Water Right Permit <a href="#">G18131</a> w/ 3/30/1995 priority date (Transfer Application <a href="#">T13978</a> )	gpm	Cfs
Water Right (per diversion)	130	0.29
Total Water Right (2 diversions)	260	0.58

**Please refer to the maps on page 8 of this letter and reach out to the Nikki Hendricks with the Oregon Water Resources Department to clarify the status and applicability of the water right transfer application T13978 to the constructed wells.**

*Nikki Hendricks*

District 1 Watermaster

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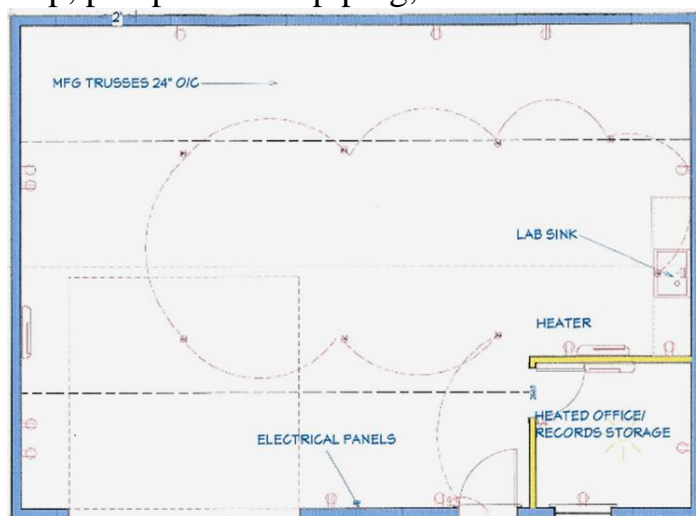
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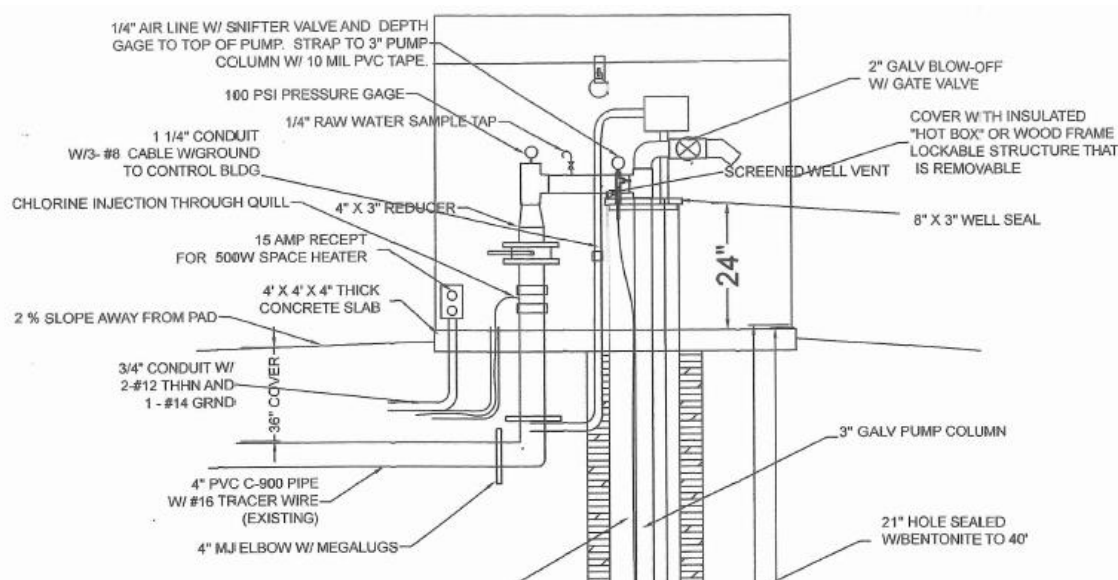
[Nikki.M.Hendricks@water.oregon.gov](mailto:Nikki.M.Hendricks@water.oregon.gov)

**In order for the wells and treatment system to be approved, the following conditions will need to be met:**

1. A set of raw (untreated) water quality data including coliform bacteria, [IOC](#)s (including nitrate, nitrite and arsenic), [SOC](#)s, [VOC](#)s, and radionuclides (gross alpha, radium 226/228 and uranium) are submitted. These are to be taken from each raw water sample tap, which should be located at or near to the wellhead. Your existing lab (Waterlab) should be able to assist you with this sampling.
2. Plans and/or photos are submitted that show the above-ground wellhead structure detail including the raw water sample tap, pump to waste piping, flowmeter (totalizer and/or rate of flow), and a way to measure the water level in each well. Plans/photos of the well house covering each well (if the wells are not equipped with a pitless adapter) showing the concrete slab and drainage.
3. Plans, specifications, and/or photos showing how the wells are connected to the water treatment system (I only have the basic footprint of the treatment building shown at right). Plans should include, the make and model of any pumps, pressure tanks, the purpose of any treatment (e.g., iron removal, etc.) and the make/model of treatment equipment as well as product specifications for any chemicals (e.g.,



chlorine) added to treat the water. Since the existing system is chlorinated at the original treatment plant (WTP-A), chlorine will need to be added for the wells as you cannot introduce unchlorinated water into a chlorinated distribution system. Plans/photos should also show raw water (pre-treatment) and post-treatment sample taps. The graphic below is an example of wellhead plans you may use as a reference.



4. Documentation showing the 100-ft radius of control around each of the wells (e.g., recorded easement, etc.) and absence (via map) or exclusion (via easement) of on-site septic systems and other hazards within 100-ft of each well.
5. Evidence (e.g., a copy of an e-mail) of recent (post 12/15/23) correspondence with Nikki Hendricks regarding the status of the water rights transfer application.

For specific rule requirements regarding wells, see [pdf OAR 333-061-0050\(2\)\(a\)](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HealthyEnvironments/DrinkingWater/Rules/Documents/61-0050.pdf#page=1)  
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**Instructions to receive Final Approval:**

1. Provide written correspondence or documentation demonstrating how each of the conditions above have been met.
2. Complete and submit the [Project Final Approval Request](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/PLANREVIEW/Documents/project-update-form.pdf) form on-line at the link below:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/PLANREVIEW/Documents/project-update-form.pdf>
3. The form and documentation of conditions having been met may be e-mailed to me at [evan.e.hofeld@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:evan.e.hofeld@oha.oregon.gov).
4. A “Final Approval” letter may then be issued by our office to allow the wells and treatment system to be placed into service.

**Following the receipt of the Final Approval letter:**

1. The new wells and treatment may be placed into service.
2. As a community water system, the following sampling is needed once the wells are placed into service:
  - Complete two 6-month demonstration rounds (e.g., the first round taken between 1/1/24 – 6/30/24 and the second round taken between 7/1/24 – 12/31/24, etc.) of lead and copper tap sampling at 10 sites. This is required due to the installation of the new wells and treatment to ensure no adverse impacts to lead and copper corrosion. Future monitoring will depend upon the results of this demonstration monitoring.
  - At least one more set of radiological samples will need to be taken after the treatment process. Radiological sampling includes gross alpha, radium 226/228, and uranium.
  - Sampling for VOCs, SOCs and IOCs will depend upon the results of the initial raw water sampling.

**Until we receive verification that the conditions have been met and final approval has been issued, the wells and treatment facility are not approved for use.**

Any correspondence should reference Plan Review #153-2023 and can be emailed to me at [evan.e.hofeld@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:evan.e.hofeld@oha.oregon.gov) or mailed to:

Attn: Evan Hofeld  
OHA-Oregon Drinking Water Program  
PO BOX 14450  
Portland, OR 97293-0450

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 971-200-0288.

Sincerely,



Evan Hofeld, Regional Engineer  
OHA - Drinking Water Services

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## Geologist Well Log Evaluation Results (12/14/2023)

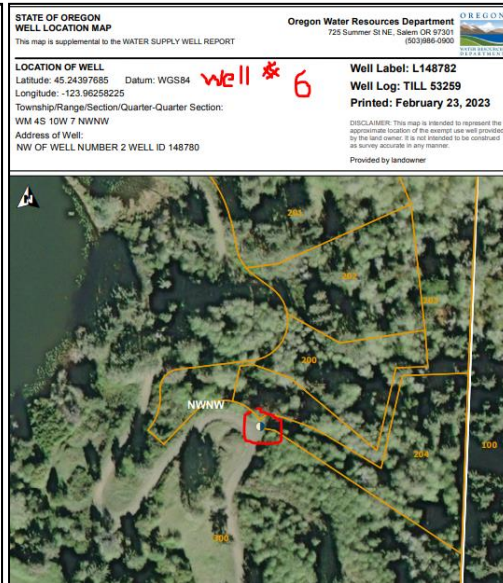
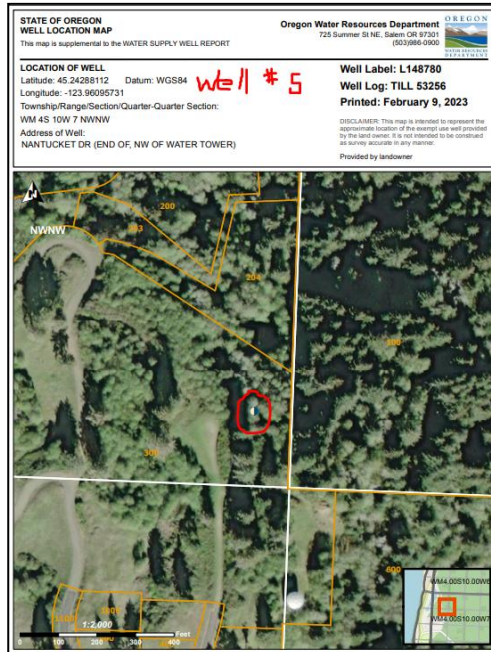
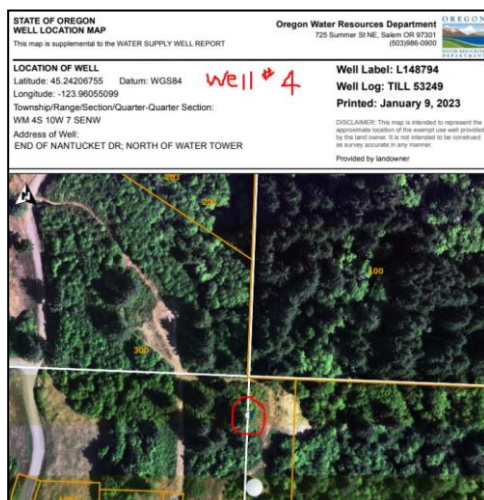
The well logs TILL53249 (Well #4), TILL53256 (Well #5), & TILL53259 (Well #6) were submitted to our geologist, Tom Pattee, on November 30, 2023, who provided the results of his evaluation to me on December 14, 2023. As shown on **page 8** of this letter, **Mr. Pattee found that all 3 wells were adequately constructed and sealed** such that impacts from nearby land use practices should be minimal. Although all the wells draw water from a confined aquifer, **the fractured bedrock of the aquifer for Well #4 does make this well more sensitive to nearby land use practices.** Wells #5 and #6 aquifers are less sensitive since they are constructed to draw water from a deep confined sedimentary aquifer.

Well ID	Well Evaluation Results
Well 4 - <a href="#">TILL 53249</a> - <a href="#">L148794</a> - ca 12-16-22 (closest to reservoir) <a href="#">Exempt Use Map</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well/Spring meets current construction standards. Comments: <u>This well was drilled to a depth of 266 ft and is cased to a depth of 48 ft. The casing seal was constructed to a depth of 47 ft. A screened liner was installed in the well and helps to keep the borehole open. Water can enter the well through the uncased portion of the borehole, below a depth of 48 ft below ground level. Sensitivity Analysis results suggest that well construction does not contribute to the sensitivity of the water supply to nearby land use practices.</u> <b>Nature of Aquifer Evaluation:</b> Aquifer Nature: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confined aquifer <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-confined aquifer <input type="checkbox"/> Unconfined aquifer Comments: <u>This well was constructed to draw water from a fractured sedimentary bedrock aquifer. The identified fractured bedrock water-bearing zone was encountered at a depth of 54 ft. The water-bearing aquifer materials are directly overlain by 52 ft of unfractured siltstone that appears to act as a confining layer. The static-water level rose 34 ft above the depth at which water was first discovered to a final depth of 20 ft below ground level indicating that water in the aquifer is under pressure. Sensitivity Analysis results suggest that aquifer characteristics at this well location are highly sensitive to local land use practices due to the shallow fractured aquifer condition.</u>
Well 5 - <a href="#">TILL 53256</a> - <a href="#">L148780</a> - ca 01-23-23 <a href="#">Exempt Use Map</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well/Spring meets current construction standards. Comments: <u>This well was drilled to a depth of 299 ft and is cased to a depth of 79 ft. The casing seal was constructed to a depth of 77 ft. A screened liner was installed in the well and helps to keep the borehole open. Water can enter the well through the uncased portion of the borehole, below a depth of 79 ft below ground level. Sensitivity Analysis results suggest that well construction does not contribute to the overall sensitivity of the water supply to nearby land use practices.</u> <b>Nature of Aquifer Evaluation:</b> Aquifer Nature: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confined aquifer <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-confined aquifer <input type="checkbox"/> Unconfined aquifer Comments: <u>This well is constructed to draw water from a deep confined sedimentary bedrock aquifer composed of siltstone with sandstone seams. The identified water-bearing zone was encountered at a depth of 157 ft. The water-bearing bedrock is directly overlain by 127 ft of unfractured siltstone that appears to act as a confining layer. The static water-level in the well rose 51 ft above the depth at which water was discovered to a final depth of 106 ft below ground level indicating that water in the aquifer is under pressure. Sensitivity Analysis results suggest aquifer characteristics at this well location are not highly sensitive to local land use practices.</u>

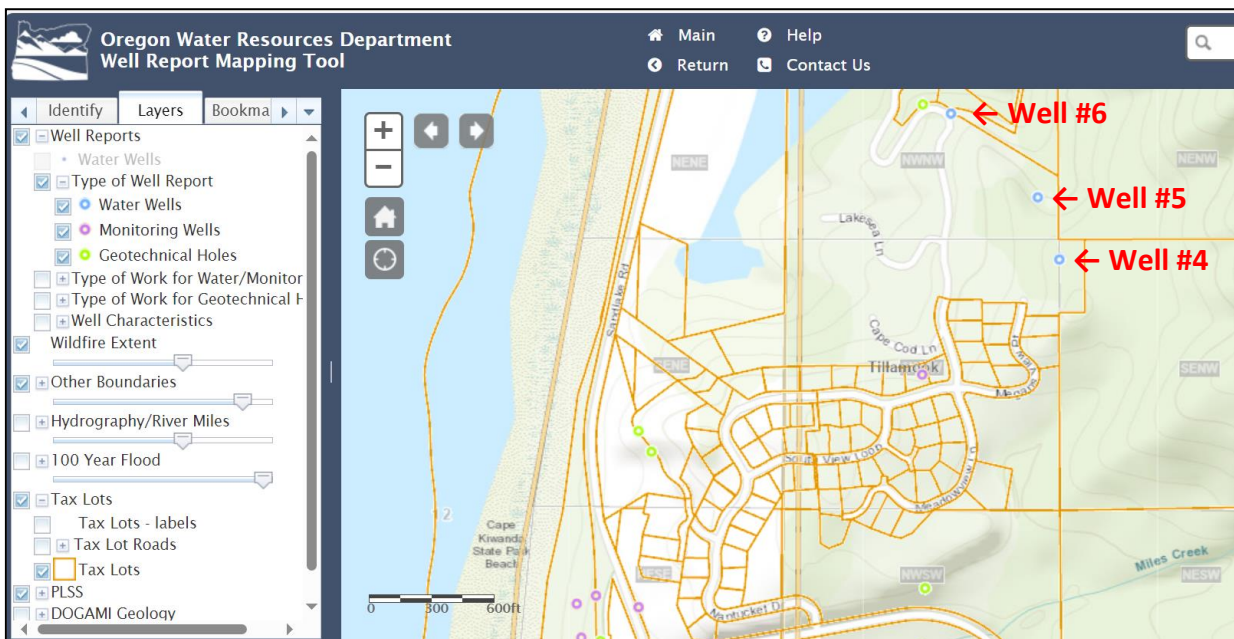
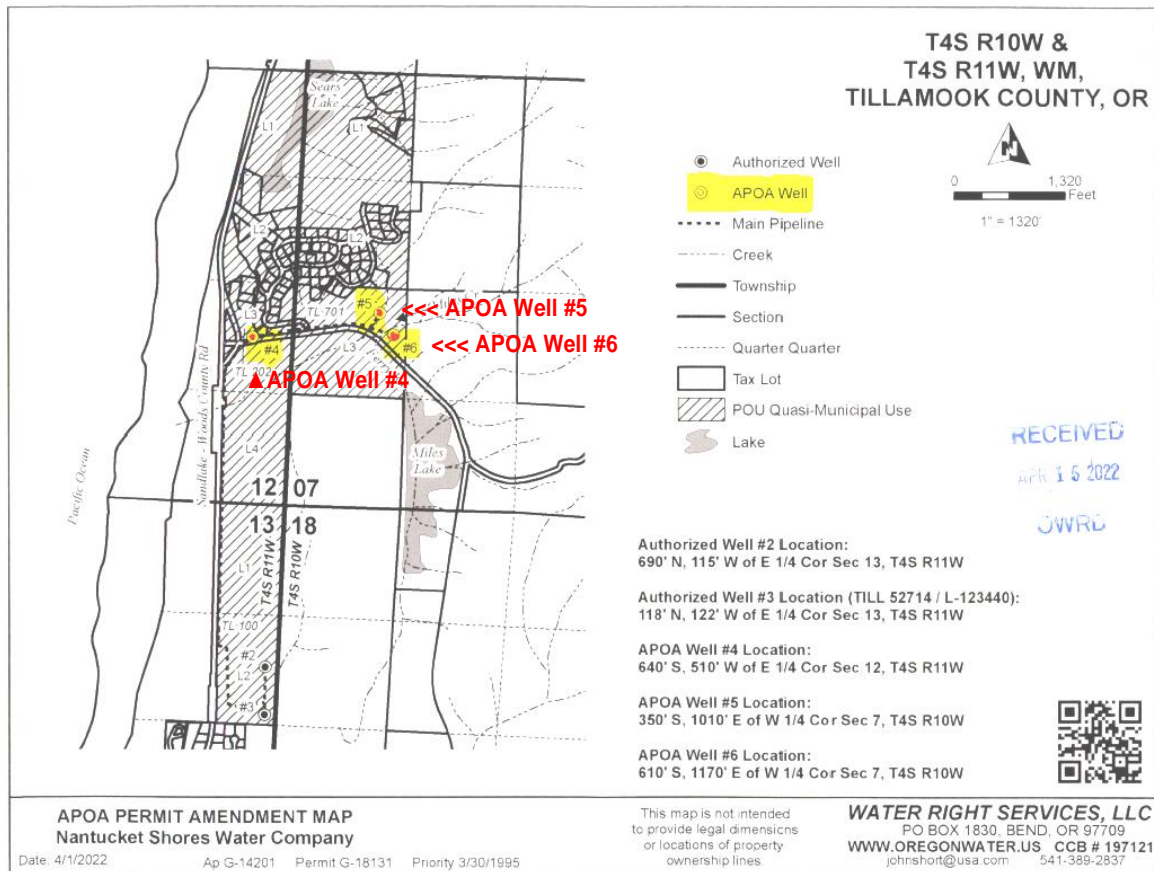


Well ID	Well Evaluation Results, Continued
Well 6 - <a href="#">TILL 53259</a> - <a href="#">L148782</a> - ca 02-01-23 (furthest from res.) <a href="#">Exempt Use Map</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well/Spring meets current construction standards. Comments: <u>This well was drilled to a depth of 249 ft and is cased to a depth of 73 ft. The casing seal was constructed to a depth of 53 ft. A screened liner was installed in the well and helps to keep the borehole open. Water can enter the well through the uncased portion of the borehole, below a depth of 73 ft below ground level. Sensitivity Analysis results suggest that well construction does not contribute to the overall sensitivity of the water supply to nearby land use practices.</u> <b>Nature of Aquifer Evaluation:</b> Aquifer Nature: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confined aquifer <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-confined aquifer <input type="checkbox"/> Unconfined aquifer Comments: <u>This well is constructed to draw water from a deep confined sedimentary bedrock aquifer composed of siltstone with sandstone layers. The identified water-bearing zone was encountered at a depth of 140 ft. The water-bearing bedrock is directly overlain by 140 ft of unfractured siltstone that appears to act as a confining layer. The static water-level in the well rose 137 ft above the depth at which water was first discovered to a final depth of 3 ft below ground level indicating that water in the aquifer is under pressure. Sensitivity Analysis results suggest aquifer characteristics at this well location are not highly sensitive to local land use practices.</u>

Well ID	Latitude/Longitude	Google Maps
Well 4 - <a href="#">TILL 53249</a> - <a href="#">L148794</a> - ca 12-16-22 (closest to reservoir) <a href="#">Exempt Use Map</a>	45.24206755, - 123.96055099	<a href="#">Well 4 Map</a>
Well 5 - <a href="#">TILL 53256</a> - <a href="#">L148780</a> - ca 01-23-23 <a href="#">Exempt Use Map</a>	45.24288112, - 123.96095731	<a href="#">Well 5 Map</a>
Well 6 - <a href="#">TILL 53259</a> - <a href="#">L148782</a> - ca 02-01-23 (furthest from res.) <a href="#">Exempt Use Map</a>	45.24397685, -123.96258225	<a href="#">Well 6 Map</a>



## Water Right Transfer Application Map (T13978) vs Map of Constructed Wells





<https://www.tillamookcounty.gov/commdev/project/851-23-000179-plng>

**Zone:** Rural Residential 2 Acre (RR-2)

Applicant: Ben Johnson, PO Box 908 Pacific City, OR 97135

Property Owner: Barbara Giddings, dba Wildflower Corporation, PO Box 999, Pacific City, OR 97135

851-23-000179-PLNG: Wildflower Corporation / Barbara Giddings

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