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Re: Response of John Weidenfeller  
PDC Case No. 43061

This letter responds to your email of November 15, 2018, requesting a response by November 29, 2018. Thank you for forwarding a copy of the complaint filed by Andrew Saturn against me. I serve as the General Manager of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County (Thurston PUD or District). As the General Manager of the Thurston PUD I am responsible for and am charged with the day-to-day operations and management of the District. The District is governed by an elected three-person Board of Commissioners, to which I respond and report to directly.

I understand the complaint to concern a letter I wrote on October 12, 2018 to the Board of Commissioners. That letter is included in the packet of complaint materials forwarded. I had been made aware of several statements Mr. Saturn had made regarding the operations of the Thurston PUD, including alleged violations of the Open Public Meetings Act and issues regarding Commissioner and employee compensation, and others. All of these areas fall within my general management responsibility as General Manager of the District. I addressed and responded to these issues in the October 12 letter to the Thurston PUD Board of Commissioners.

With the exception of the Thurston PUD's outside general counsel, I did not provide a copy of this letter to anyone outside of the Thurston PUD. In the following days, upon receipt of a request, I also provided a copy of the letter to Mr. Saturn.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this complaint.

Sincerely, 

THURSTON PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1



John Weidenfeller  
General Manager