

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Instream Lease IL-1782) FINAL ORDER TERMINATING
Yamhill County) INSTREAM LEASE

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.348 establishes the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to lease an existing water right for instream purposes. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 077 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating instream lease applications.

Lessor

WestRock Northwest LLC
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Findings of Fact

1. On January 23, 2020, WestRock Northwest LLC filed an application involving the entirety of Certificates 37977 and 90014 for instream use. The Department assigned the application number IL 1782.
2. The lease application requested to protect water instream for five years, terminating on December 31, 2024. A Final Order approving this lease was issued by the Department on April 13, 2020, as evidenced by Special Order Volume 116, Page 417.
3. On April 3, 2024, the Department received a request from John Stakel of WestRock Northwest, LLC to terminate the lease prior to the 2024 instream use period.
3. The lease was exercised during the 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 water use periods.

Conclusions of Law

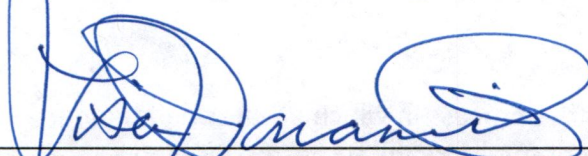
The Department concludes that terminating the lease in advance of the 2024 instream use period is consistent with OAR 690-077.

This is a final order in other than contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080 you may either petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

Now, therefore it is ORDERED:

The Instream Lease described herein is TERMINATED and no longer in effect.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this day APR 10 2024.



Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager for
DOUGLAS E. WOODCOCK, ACTING DIRECTOR
Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: APR 11 2024

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