# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Instream Lease Application ) DETERMINATION and IL-1173, Yamhill County ) FINAL ORDER ON PROPOSED INSTREAM LEASE

## **Authority**

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

GARY CRUICKSHANK 11400 SE STOCKHOFF RD DAYTON, OR 97114

# **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On January 24, 2017, Gary Cruickshank filed an application to renew instream lease IL-1173, involving the entirety of Certificates 47983 and 51060 for instream use.
- 2. The first right to be leased is as follows:

**Certificate:** 47983 in the name of ALEX CRUICKSHANK C/O GARY

CRUICKSHANK (perfected under Permit S-11833)

Use: Irrigation of 68.6 acres

Priority Date: August 10, 1935

Quantity: Rate: 0.86 Cubic Foot per Second

Quantity: Rate: 0.86 Cubic Foot per Second (CFS)
Volume: 171.5 Acre-Feet (AF)

Limit: One-eightieth CFS per acre, not to exceed 2.5 AF per acre per year

Source: SOUTH YAMHILL RIVER, tributary to the YAMHILL RIVER

**Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Measured Distances
48	4W	WM	35	SE NW	Hawley DLC 67	550 FEET NORTH AND 1940 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER LOT 3 (SWNW) OF SECTION 35

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.

### **Authorized Place of Use:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Acres
4S	4W	WM	35	SW NE	67	0.8
4S	4W	WM	35	SW NW	57	0.6
4S	4W	WM	35	SW NW	67	1.3
4S	4W	WM	35	SE NW	57	0.9
4S	4W	WM	35	SE NW	67	8.5
4S	4W	WM	35	NE SW	67	33.6
4S	4W	WM	35	NW SW	67	0.4
4S	4W	WM	35	SE SW	67	10.8
4S	4W	WM	35	NW SE	67	11.7
				Т	otal Acres	68.6

3. The second right to be leased is as follows:

Certificate: 51060 in the name of GARY CRUICKSHANK (perfected under Permit S-

40709)

Use: Irrigation of 153.6 acres
Priority Date: FEBRUARY 27, 1976

Quantity: Rate: 1.92 Cubic Foot per Second (CFS)

Volume: 384.0 Acre-Feet (AF)

Limit: One-eightieth CFS per acre, not to exceed 2.5 AF per acre per year

Source: SOUTH YAMHILL RIVER, tributary to the YAMHILL RIVER

**Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Measured Distances
4S	4W	WM	35	SW NE		510 FEET NORTH AND 2780 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER LOT 3 (SWNW) OF SECTION 35

### **Authorized Place of Use:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Acres
4S	4W	WM	35	NE SW	67	0.9
4S	4W	WM	35	SE SW	67	7.8
4S	4W	WM	35	NE SE	67	23.2
4S	4W	WM	35	NW SE	67	12.2
4S	4W	WM	35	SW SE	67	38.8
4S	4W	WM	36	SE SE	67	31.6
4S	4W	WM	36	NW SW	67	0.7
5S	4W	WM	2	NE NE	59	14.2
5S	4W	WM	2	NW NE	59	19.9
5S	4W	WM	2	SW NE	59	4.3
				T	otal Acres	153.6

4. Certificates 47983 and 51060 do not specify the irrigation season. The Yamhill River Decree establishes an irrigation season of April 1 through September 30 of each year.

- 5. The lease application includes the information required under OAR 690-077-0076(3). The Department provided notice of the lease application pursuant to OAR 690-077-0077(1). No comments were received.
- 6. The instream use is as follows:

SOUTH YAMHILL RIVER, tributary to the YAMHILL RIVER

**Instream Reach #1:** From the POD (as described in Finding of Fact No. 2) to the confluence of the Yamhill River

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream	
47983	8/10/1935	0.47	171.5	April 1 through September 30	

**Instream Reach #2:** From the POD (as described in Finding of Fact No. 3) to the confluence of the Yamhill River

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream	
51060	2/27/1976	1.06	384.0	April 1 through September 30	

- 7. The amount and timing of the proposed instream flow is allowable within the limits and use of the original water rights.
- 8. The protection of flows within the proposed reach is appropriate, considering:
  - a. The instream water use begins at the recorded point of diversion;
  - b. The location of confluences with other streams downstream of the point of diversion.
  - c. There are no known areas of natural loss of streamflow to the river bed downstream from the point of diversion; and
  - d. Any return flows resulting from the exercise of the existing water right would re-enter the river downstream of the reach of the instream water right.
- 9. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected under the existing and proposed instream rights in the reach will provide for a beneficial purpose.
- 10. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected instream under existing and proposed instream rights in the reach/at the point do not exceed the estimated average natural flow.
- 11. If approved, this instream lease is not reasonably expected to significantly affect land use as prescribed by ORS 197.180, OAR Chapter 660, Divisions 30 and 31, and OAR Chapter 690, Division 5.
- 12. Based upon review of the application, information provided by the Department's Watermaster, and other available information, the Department finds that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement. The order approving this instream lease may be modified or revoked under OAR 690-077-0077 if the Department later finds that the lease is causing injury to any existing water right or enlargement of the original right.

- 13. If a right which has been leased is later proposed to be leased again, transferred and/or reviewed under an allocation of conserved water, a new injury review shall be required. For example, instream transfers will be subject to a full and complete review to determine consistency with the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 and Division 077. Approval of this lease does not establish a precedent for approval of any future transactions.
- 14. The Lessor has requested that the lease terminate on September 30, 2021. The lease has been submitted prior to the first day of the irrigation season. The lease may commence on April 1, 2017, being the first day of the irrigation season.
- 15. The Lessor has requested the option of terminating the lease early with written notice to the Department.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

The Department concludes that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement, OAR 690-077-0077. The lease conforms to the applicable provisions of OAR 690-077-0015.

### Now, therefore it is ORDERED:

- 1. The Lease as described herein is APPROVED.
- 2. During each year of the term of the lease, the former place of use will no longer receive water as part of these rights, any supplemental rights, or any other layered irrigation water rights, including ground water registrations and permits.
- 3. The term of the lease will commence on April 1, 2017 and terminate on September 30, 2021. For multiyear leases, the lessor *shall* have the option of terminating the lease any time each year with written notice to the Department. However, if the termination request is received less than 30-days prior to the instream use period (April 1 through September 30) or after the water rights' original period of allowed use has begun, the Department may issue an order terminating the lease but use of water may not be allowed until the following calendar year, unless the Director determines that enlargement would not occur.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2017.

Dwight Freich, Water Right Services Division Administrator, for Thomas M. Byler, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: MAR 0 8 2017

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