

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

In the Matter of Instream Lease Application) DETERMINATION and FINAL ORDER ON
IL-1780, Klamath County) 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

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Findings of Fact

1. On January 22, 2020, PacifiCorp, an Oregon Corporation filed an application involving the entirety of Klamath Adjudication Claim KA-168 for instream use. The Department assigned the application number IL-1780.

2. The right to be leased is as follows:

Claim: KA-168 in the name of PacifiCorp, DBA Pacific Power and Light Co. (Partial Order of Determination Water Right Claim No. 168)

Use: Power

Season of Use: January 1 through December 31

Priority Date: October 16, 1905

Quantity: **Rate:** 205.0 Cubic Feet per Second (CFS) measured at the point of diversion

Source: Link River, tributary to Klamath River

Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
38 S	9 E	WM	30	NW SE	4	NOT DESCRIBED ON CLAIM

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	GLot	Remarks
38 S	9 E	WM	32	NW SW	1	WEST SIDE POWER PLANT

3. Claim KA-168 does not provide measured distances for the location of the point of diversion. Based upon additional information provided by the Watermaster, for purposes of this instream lease, the point of diversion is described as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Survey Coordinates
38 S	9 E	WM	30	NW SE	LATITUDE: 42.0 DEGREES, 14.0 MINUTES, 0.53 SECONDS NORTH LONGITUDE: 121.0 DEGREES, 48.0 MINUTES, 8.73 SECONDS WEST

4. 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.

5. The instream use is as follows:
Link River, tributary to Klamath River

Instream Reach: From the POD (as described in Finding of Fact No. 3) to *Point of Return

Claim	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream
KA 168	October 16, 1905	205.0	148,413.2	January 1 through December 31

*POINT OF RETURN: LATITUDE: 42.0 DEGREES, 13.0 MINUTES, 13.63 SECONDS NORTH
LONGITUDE: 121.0 DEGREES, 47.0 MINUTES, 31.52 SECONDS WEST

6. Other conditions to prevent injury and enlargement are:

Water rights upstream of the original point of diversion shall not be subject to regulation for flows in excess of the quantities to which this instream water right is entitled at the original point of diversion.

7. The amount and timing of the proposed instream flow is allowable within the limits and use of the original water right claim.
8. The protection of flows within the proposed reach is appropriate, considering:
- The instream water use begins at the recorded point of diversion;
 - The location of confluences with other streams downstream of the point of diversion.
 - There are no known areas of natural loss of streamflow to the river bed downstream from the point of diversion; and
 - 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 instream use created by this instream lease shall replace a portion of instream water rights established pursuant to ORS 537.341 or 537.346 and be in addition to instream water rights established pursuant to ORS 537.348 or 537.470 unless otherwise specified by an order approving a new instream water right under these statutes.
11. By adding to these existing instream water rights within the same reach, during the months of August, September and October, the total monthly quantities of water to be protected instream will exceed the estimated average natural flow. The estimated average natural flow may not be exceeded unless criteria for exceeding are met.
12. The Department has determined that the estimated average natural flows may be exceeded due to the water rights proposed to be leased is within an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) flow restoration priority watershed.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. The Lessor has requested that the lease terminate in April of 2025. The leasing season for this water right is January to December and a lease may only be active for a period of five years. Therefore, the lease may commence on the date this final order is signed and terminate on December 31, 2024.
17. The Lessor has requested the option of terminating the lease early with written notice to the Department.

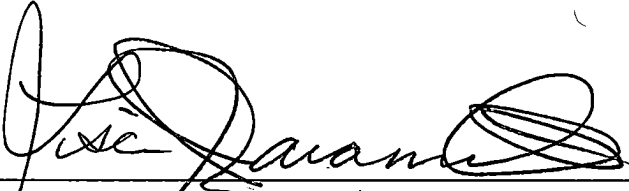
Conclusions of Law

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 upon approval of the instream lease and terminate on December 31, 2024. 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 (January 1 through December 31) 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 APR 13 2020.



Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for
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Mailing date: APR 14 2020

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