

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

In the Matter of the Proposed Lease of) DETERMINATION and
Existing Water Rights for Instream Use,) FINAL ORDER ON PROPOSED
Certificate 83571, Crook County and) INSTREAM LEASE
Deschutes County)

Authority

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. OAR Chapter 690, Division 077 implements the statutes and provides the Department’s procedures and criteria for evaluating instream lease applications.

Lessor #1

Pooled Instream Lease for several water right holders (described in Findings of Fact #3)

Lessor #2

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Findings of Fact

1. On March 24, 2008, COID, on behalf of several water right holders, and the DRC filed an application to lease a portion of Certificate 83571 to instream use. The Department assigned the application number IL-897.
2. Interest in the portion of the water right to be leased instream has been quit claimed from the original land owners. The lease application form identifies RMG Development, Inc., as the interest holder in a portion of the water right proposed to be leased instream. However, individual quit claim deeds submitted with the application identify that a portion of the right to be leased for RMG Development is held by COID. The Department has determined that COID is an interest holder in the right and is authorized to lease the water rights instream.
3. The portion of the right to be leased is as follows:

Certificate: 83571 in the name of Central Oregon Irrigation District
Use: Irrigation of 90.74 acres
Priority Date: October 31, 1900 and December 2, 1907

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.

Season of Use: April 1 through October 31, further limited as follows:
 April 1 through April 30 & October 1 through October 31
 May 1 through May 14 & September 16 through September 30
 May 15 through September 15

Maximum Quantity (Rate) that can be applied to an acre:
 Season 1: limited to 1/80th cubic foot per second (CFS) per acre
 Season 2: limited to 1/60th CFS per acre
 Season 3: limited to 1/32.4th CFS per acre

Maximum Duty that can be applied to an acre:
 Not to exceed 9.91 acre-feet (AF) per acre per year.

The above listed rates and duty reflect allowance of a 45% transmission loss as determined by decree of the Circuit Court of Deschutes County, dated March 24, 1933. Those lands not served from the district main canal systems, but by direct pumping from the Deschutes River, are not allowed the 45% transmission loss.

Source: The Deschutes River, tributary to the Columbia River

Authorized Point of Diversion (POD):

Township		Range		Meridian	Sec	¼ ¼	Survey Coordinates
18	S	11	E	WM	13	SW NE	CENTRAL OREGON CANAL POD #1 – 1520 FEET SOUTH & 1535 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 13
17	S	12	E	W.M.	29	SE NE	POD #11 (COID NORTH CANAL): 850 FEET NORTH AND 630 FEET WEST FROM THE EAST ¼ CORNER OF SECTION 29

Authorized Places of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	POD	Water Right Holder (Lessor #1)
15 S	14 E	WM	23	NW SE	901	20.0	1	RMG Development, Inc.
16 S	14 E	WM	16	SW SW	203	0.4	1	RMG Development, Inc.
16 S	14 E	WM	16	SW SW	204	0.3	1	RMG Development, Inc.
17 S	12 E	WM	23	NE NE	106	6.8	1	RMG Development, Inc.
17 S	12 E	WM	23	NW SW	1001	0.7	1	COID
17 S	12 E	WM	26	NE SW	704	4.0	1	COID
17 S	12 E	WM	26	NE SW	705	4.7	1	COID
17 S	12 E	WM	26	NE SW	12300	2.38	1	COID
17 S	12 E	WM	28	NE SW	200	1.86	1	COID
17 S	12 E	WM	35	SE SW	300	4.0	1	COID
17 S	12 E	WM	35	SE SW	700	0.7	1	COID
17 S	13 E	WM	30	NW NW	206	1.75	1	COID
17 S	13 E	WM	31	NE SE	1106	3.0	1	COID
17 S	14 E	WM	24	NW SW	1400	4.7	1	COID
17 S	14 E	WM	24	SW SE	1700	6.0	1	Kenneth Thompson
17 S	14 E	WM	25	SW NE	104	12.0	1	James & D/Lorah Crouch
18 S	12 E	WM	3	SE NE	100	1.0	1	RMG Development, Inc.
18 S	12 E	WM	3	NE NW	1101	0.25	1	COID
18 S	12 E	WM	3	NE SE	100	0.5	1	RMG Development, Inc.
18 S	12 E	WM	3	NE SE	200	0.5	1	RMG Development, Inc.
18 S	12 E	WM	3	NE SE	201	6.1	1	RMG Development, Inc.
18 S	12 E	WM	10	SW NE	500	4.1	1	COID
18 S	13 E	WM	12	SE NW	501	0.4	1	COID
14 S	13 E	WM	20	NW SW	402	3.5	11	Raymond Sophy
14 S	13 E	WM	31	NW NE	400	1.1	11	Juanita Rumley

3. The Department has information that the season of use described in Certificate 83571 contains scrivener errors. Consistent with the Decree for the Deschutes River (Volume 12, Page 282), the irrigation season should be:

Season of Use: April 1 through October 31, further limited as follows:

April 1 through April 30 & October 1 through October 31 described herein as Season 1

May 1 through May 14 & September 15 through September 30 described herein as Season 2

May 15 through September 14 described herein as Season 3

4. Certificate 83571 is a deficient water right. If water were diverted simultaneously to all authorized lands and uses described in the right at the maximum rates and duty allowed (described in Finding of Fact #3), the total rate and duty for the water right would be exceeded. In the event water were diverted simultaneously to all authorized lands and uses described in the right at the maximum rates and duty allowed at the PODs (described in Finding of Fact #3), the portion of the right involved in this instream lease would be limited as described in the tables below. These rates and duty are also the quantities by which the diversion at each POD under Certificate 83571 shall be reduced, if this instream lease is approved.

POD #1

Priority Date	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Duty
October 31, 1900	1.072 CFS	1.430 CFS	1.890 CFS	849.92 AF
December 2, 1907			0.758 CFS	

POD #11

Priority Date	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Duty
October 31, 1900	0.057 CFS	0.076 CFS	0.101 CFS	45.47 AF
December 2, 1907			0.041 CFS	

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 Lessor and Lessee have requested to protect water instream from the POD's described in Finding of Fact #3 to the mouth of the Deschutes River. A portion of the water diverted at each POD returns to the Deschutes River within the proposed reach and is available to downstream water right holders. Return flows from the existing use are back in the river system once river flows reach the Madras Gage. To prevent injury to downstream water right holders, the quantity of water that may be protected instream requires modification and return flows should be accounted for at the Madras Gage.

7. The instream use has been modified from the lease application to prevent injury and enlargement and is as follows:

Deschutes River, tributary to the Columbia River

Instream Reach #1: From POD #1 to POD #11 (both as described in Finding of Fact #3)

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (cfs)	Instream Volume (af)	Period Protected Instream
76358	10/31/1900	Season 1: 0.592 Season 2: 0.790 Season 3: 1.462	469.51	April 1 – Oct. 26

Instream Reach #2: From POD #11 to the Madras Gage

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (cfs)	Instream Volume (af)	Period Protected Instream
76358	10/31/1900	Season 1: 0.624 Season 2: 0.832 Season 3: 1.540	494.58	April 1 – Oct. 26

Instream Reach #3: From the Madras Gage to the mouth of the Deschutes River

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (cfs)	Instream Volume (af)	Period Protected Instream
76358	10/31/1900	Season 1: 0.394 Season 2: 0.394 Season 3: 0.394	163.33	April 1 – Oct. 26

8. Other conditions to prevent injury and enlargement are:

The amount of water to be leased instream under Certificate 76358 does not include a 45% transmission loss associated with this right when used for its originally authorized purpose. The transmission loss may not be leased and protected instream.

Within the specified stream reach, the amount of water to which this right is entitled shall not exceed the quantity of water legally available at the original point of diversion. Stream channel losses and gains calculated based on available data and the use of water by senior appropriators will determine the amount of water to which this right is entitled downstream from the original points of diversion within the specified stream reach.

9. 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.
10. Based upon review of the application, comments received, information provided by the Department’s Watermaster, and other available information, the Department finds that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement. This finding is made through an abbreviated review recognizing that the 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.
11. If a right which has been leased is later proposed to be leased again or transferred to an instream use under ORS 537.348 and OAR 690-077-0070 or OAR 690-077-0075 a new injury review shall be required. 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 future leases or transfers.

12. The lease will terminate on October 31, 2008.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

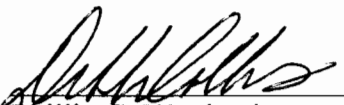
The Department concludes that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement, OAR 690-077-0077. The lease conforms to the applicable provisions of OAR 690-077-0015.

ORDER

Therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. That the Lease as described herein is APPROVED.
2. The former place of use will no longer receive water as part of these rights, any supplemental rights, or any other layered water rights for irrigation use, including ground water registrations during the term of the lease.
3. The lease will terminate on October 31, 2008.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 25th day of April 2008.


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Phillip C. Ward, Director

Mailing date: APR 30 2008