

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

In the Matter of Instream Lease Application)
IL-1887, Lane County) **DETERMINATION and 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

Delta Ridge SPE LLC
Delta Ridge Two LLC
66 South Hanford Street, Suite 300
Seattle, WA 98137

Findings of Fact

1. On August 3, 2021, Delta Ridge SPE LLC and Delta Ridge Two LLC filed an application to lease a portion of Certificate 88607 for instream use. The Department assigned the application number IL-1887.
2. The portion of the right to be leased is as follows:

Certificate: 88607 in the name of River Ridge LTD (perfected under Permit S-47006)

Use: Irrigation of 25.7 acres

Priority Date: December 6, 1978

Quantity: **Rate:** 0.132 Cubic Foot per Second (CFS)

Volume: 64.25 Acre-Feet (AF)

Limit: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of one-eightieth of one cubic foot per second, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion on not to exceed 2.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: Willamette River, tributary to Columbia River

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 Point of Diversion (POD):

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
17 S	3 W	WM	7	SE NW	2250 FEET SOUTH AND 2249 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 7

Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
17 S	3 W	WM	7	SW NE	3.7
17 S	3 W	WM	7	SE NE	4.1
17 S	3 W	WM	7	NE SE	7.5
17 S	3 W	WM	7	NW SE	10.4
Total Acres					25.7

3. Certificate 88607 does not specify the irrigation season; however, the Willamette Basin Program Basin Program identifies the season of use for irrigation as March 1 to October 31.
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:
Willamette River, tributary to Columbia River

Instream Point: At the POD (as described in Finding of Fact No. 2)

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (CFS)	Instream Volume (AF)	Period Protected Instream
88607	12/6/1978	0.132	64.25	March 1 through October 31

6. The amount and timing of the proposed instream flow is allowable within the limits and use of the original water right.
7. The protection of flows at the authorized point of diversion 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 point of the instream water right.
8. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected under the existing and proposed instream rights at the point will provide for a beneficial purpose.

9. The total monthly quantities of water to be protected instream under existing and proposed instream rights at the point do not exceed the estimated average natural flow.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The Lessors have requested that the lease terminate on October 31, 2026. The lease has been submitted prior to the first day of the irrigation season. The lease may commence on March 1, 2022, being the first day of the irrigation season.
14. The Lessors have requested the option of terminating the lease early with written notice to the Department.

Conclusions of Law

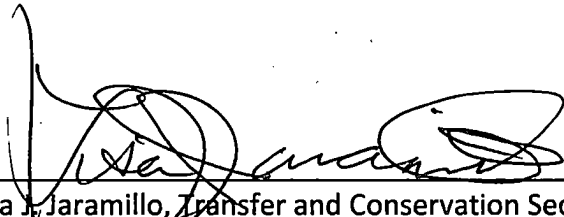
The Department concludes that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement, OAR 690-077-0077. The lease conforms to the applicable provisions of OAR 690-077-0015.

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 March 1, 2022 and terminate on October 31, 2026. For multiyear leases, the lessors *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 (March 1 through October 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 OCT 11 2021.



Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for
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