

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

In the Matter of the Instream Lease)	DETERMINATION and
Application IL-968, Certificate 83571,)	FINAL ORDER ON PROPOSED
Deschutes County)	INSTREAM LEASE

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

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Lessor #2

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Lessee

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Findings of Fact

1. March 19, 2009, the DRC, COID, and City of Redmond filed an application to lease a portion of Certificate 83571 to instream use. The Department assigned the application number IL-968.
2. Additional application materials were received from COID and the DRC on April 22, 23, and 24, 2009, and on May 11, 2009.
3. On May 11, 2009, COID requested to amend the application to exclude 0.4 acre of irrigation use from the application.
4. Interest in the portion of the water right to be leased instream has been quit claimed from the original land owners. The materials submitted with the lease application identify COID as an interest holder in a portion of the water right to be leased. The remaining portion of the right to be leased is on roadways owned and maintained by the City of Redmond.

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.

5. The portion of the right to be leased has been clarified and modified from the lease application and is as follows:

Certificate: 83571 in the name of Central Oregon Irrigation District
Use: Irrigation of 109.6 acres and 776.957 acres equivalent of Municipal Use
Priority Date: October 31, 1900 and December 2, 1907
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
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	Acres	Additional Place of Use Description Provided in Application - Tax Lot
Irrigation Use						
14 S	13 E	WM	16	SW NE	10.8	Lot 103
14 S	13 E	WM	16	NE SW	0.7	Lot 100
14 S	13 E	WM	16	NW SW	0.16	Lot 1001
15 S	13 E	WM	3	SW NW	8.4	Lot 1300
15 S	13 E	WM	3	SE SW	4.5	Lot 100
15 S	13 E	WM	4	NE NE	5.65	Lot 200
15 S	13 E	WM	4	SW SW	5.99	Lot 704 – 0.59 acre
						Lot 800 – 5.4 acres
15 S	13 E	WM	4	SE SW	4.4	Lot 2000
15 S	13 E	WM	5	SE NE	25.8	Lot 300 – 6.8 acres
						Lot 2600 – 19.0 acres
15 S	13 E	WM	5	NE SE	6.4	Lot 300
15 S	13 E	WM	5	SE SE	4.15	Lot 800
15 S	13 E	WM	8	NE NE	6.0	Lot 104 – 2.0 acres
						Lot 1700 – 4.0 acres
15 S	13 E	WM	8	NW SW	3.2	Lot 400 – 2.0 acres
						Lot 600 – 0.5 acre
						Road – 0.7 acre

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Additional Place of Use Description Provided in Application - Tax Lot
15 S	13 E	WM	8	SW SW	2.8	Lot 201 – 2.1 acres Lot 202 – 0.7 acre
15 S	13 E	WM	10	NE NW	9.5	Lot 103 – 5.6 acres Lot 900 – 1.5 acres Lot 901 – 1.6 acres 900 Road – 0.8 acre
15 S	13 E	WM	10	SW NW	2.4	Lot 300 – 0.8 acre Lot 399 – 1.6 acres
15 S	13 E	WM	20	NE NE	3.75	Lot 2100
15 S	13 E	WM	20	SE NW	1.0	Lot 3100
16 S	12 E	WM	11	SW NE	0.6	Lot 106 – 0.2 acre Lot 107 – 0.4 acre
16 S	12 E	WM	11	NW SE	3.4	Lot 107 – 2.5 acres Lot 108 – 0.9 acre
Municipal Use						
15 S	13 E	WM	16		766.957	Equivalent acres

6. 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

7. 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 #5), 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 POD (described in Finding of Fact #5), 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 POD #11 under Certificate 83571 shall be reduced, if this instream lease is approved.

Priority Date	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Duty
Irrigation Use				
October 31, 1900	1.367 CFS	1.822 CFS	2.409 CFS	1,083.38 AF
December 2, 1907			0.965 CFS	
Municipal Use				
October 31, 1900	9.688 CFS	12.918 CFS	17.077 CFS	7,680.12 AF
December 2, 1907			6.844 CFS	
Totals				
October 31, 1900	11.055 CFS	14.740 CFS	19.486 CFS	8,763.51 AF
December 2, 1907			7.810 CFS	

8. 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.
9. The Lessor and Lessee have requested to protect water instream from the POD 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.
10. 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 #11 (as described in Finding of Fact #5) to the Madras Gage

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (cfs)	Instream Volume (af)	Period Protected Instream
83571	10/31/1900	Season 1: 6.095 Season 2: 8.127 Season 3: 15.050	4,832.18	April 1 – Oct. 26

Instream Reach #2: From the Madras Gage to the mouth of the Deschutes River

Certificate	Priority Date	Instream Rate (cfs)	Instream Volume (af)	Period Protected Instream
83571	10/31/1900	4.562	1,891.05	April 1 – Oct. 26

11. Other conditions to prevent injury and enlargement are:

The amount of water to be leased instream under Certificate 83571 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.

12. There is a supplemental water right, Certificate 76714, appurtenant to all or a portion of the lands described in Finding of Fact #5. The Lessor and Lessee have requested that this water right not be included as part of this lease application. During the term of the lease, water use under this right will also be suspended.
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, 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.

15. 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.
16. The Lessor has requested that the lease terminate on October 31, 2013.
17. The Lessor has requested the option of terminating the lease early with written notice to the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

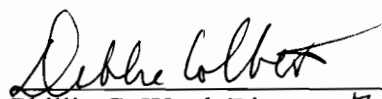
The Department concludes that the lease will not result in injury or enlargement, OAR 690-077-0077. The lease conforms to the applicable provisions of OAR 690-077-0015.

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, 2013. For multiyear leases, the lessor *shall* have the option of terminating the lease each year with written notice to the Department. The lease may be terminated at any time during the calendar year. However, if the termination request is received less than 30-days prior to the period of allowed instream use (March 1) or after the period of allowed use has begun for the water right(s) being leased, water shall not be used under the right(s) leased until the following calendar year, unless the Director determines that enlargement would not occur.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 20th day of May 2009.


Phillip C. Ward, Director *fw*

Mailing date: MAY 29 2009