# BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

# KLAMATH BASIN GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION

In the Matter of the Claim of BROOKE ANNE ESTENSON	)	PARTIAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION
	)	Water Right Claim 180

The GENERAL FINDINGS OF FACT of the FINAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

### A. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On November 13, 1990, BROOKE ANNE ESTENSON (Claimant) timely submitted a Statement and Proof of Claim (Claim 180) to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) pursuant to ORS Chapter 539 in the Klamath Basin Adjudication based upon use of water beginning prior to February 24, 1909 (pre-1909 claim).
- 2. Claim 180 was submitted for 96 gallons per minute of water from the Klamath River, tributary to the Pacific Ocean, for irrigation of 1.0 acre with a season of use "April September." The claimed priority date is 1873.
- 3. Item 4 of the Statement and Proof of Claim includes the statement, "Land was purchased for farming October 26, 1872 with continuous use of farm land and irrigation ever since." (Claim # 180, Page 001).
- 4. Item 13 of the Statement and Proof of Claim incorporates "Exhibit A," a copy of a deed from the State of Oregon to Jesse D. Walker, "DEED, BOOK 1, PAGE 24 (Oct. 26, 1872) (Claim # 180, Page 006).
- 5. Item 13 of the Statement and Proof of Claim incorporates "Exhibit D," a statement signed by Esther Kerns Johnston which states in pertinent part, "To the best of my knowledge there has been continuous irrigation of Riverside Addition from Klamath River since late 1800." (Claim # 180, Page 12)
- 6. JOAN PELLETIER as an agent of BROOKE ANNE ESTENSON signed the Statement and Proof of Claim for Claim 180 attesting that the information contained in the claim is true.
- 7. In 1986, an OWRD field inspection report was prepared, describing the present use of water on the property substantially as stated in Claim 180 (Claim 180, WIP Pages 00012 and 00013).

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- 8. On October 4, 1999, following investigation of the evidence submitted, the Adjudicator issued a Summary and Preliminary Evaluation of Claims (Preliminary Evaluation) stating the claim was approved, but for fewer acres than claimed and for a longer season of use than claimed.
- 9. On May 8, 2000, Horsefly Irrigation District, Langell Valley Irrigation District, Rogue River Valley Irrigation District, and Medford Irrigation District filed Contest 3170 to the Claim and/or Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 180.
- 10. These matters were referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing which were designated as Case 29.
- On January 7, 2002, Horsefly Irrigation District, Langell Valley Irrigation District, Rogue River Valley Irrigation District, and Medford Irrigation District voluntarily withdrew Contest 3170. See Voluntary Withdrawal of Contest by Langell Valley, Horsefly, Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation Districts (Jan. 7, 2002).
- 12. On February 13, 2002, Contest 3170 was dismissed from the Office of Administrative (Feb. 13, 2002).
- 13. Based on the sworn statements in Claim 180, along with the field inspection report, the following findings are made:
  - a. The Claimant demonstrated intent to apply water to beneficial use prior to February 4, 1909.
  - b. The Claimant created a diversion, where necessary, to divert water from its natural source.
  - c. The Claimant applied water to beneficial use within a reasonable time.
- 14. Based on the OWRD Investigation Map (T 39 S, R 8 E, Insert C), 1.0 acre is irrigated within Lots 3, 4 and 5 in Block 1 of the Riverside Addition to Keno. Because Lots 3, 4 and 5 appear to be identical in size, OWRD finds 0.7 acre irrigated in Lots 3 and 4.

## **B. DETERMINATION**

- 1. The elements of a pre-1909 claim are established. The GENERAL CONCLUSIONS OF LAW CONCERNING PRE-1909 CLAIMS is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.
- 2. Because there is no evidence on the record to the contrary, the standard duty for irrigation, being 3.5 acre-feet per acre, and the standard rate for irrigation, being 1/40 of one cubic foot per second per acre, as outlined in the GENERAL FINDINGS OF FACT of the FINAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION will apply.
- 3. Based on the file and record herein, IT IS ORDERED that Claim 180 is approved as claimed and set forth in the following Water Right Claim Description.

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CLAIM MAP REFERENCE: OWRD INVESTIGATION MAP - T 39 S, R 8 E, INSERT C

CLAIMANT: BROOKE ANNE ESTENSON

13027 HALWIN CIRCLE DALLAS, TX 75243

SOURCE OF WATER: The KLAMATH RIVER, tributary to the PACIFIC OCEAN

PURPOSE or USE:

IRRIGATION OF 0.7 ACRE WITHIN LOTS 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 1 OF RIVERSIDE ADDITION TO KENO.

#### RATE OF USE:

0.02 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND MEASURED AT THE POINT OF DIVERSION.

THE RATE OF USE FOR IRRIGATION MAY NOT EXCEED 1/40 OF ONE CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND PER ACRE IRRIGATED DURING THE IRRIGATION SEASON OF EACH YEAR.

## DUTY:

3.5 ACRE-FEET PER ACRE IRRIGATED DURING THE IRRIGATION SEASON OF EACH YEAR.

PERIOD OF ALLOWED USE: APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: DECEMBER 31, 1873

## THE POINT OF DIVERSION IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Remarks	Remarks		
39 S	8 E	WM	31	SW SW	Lot 7 in Block 2 of Riverside Addition to K	o Keno		

## THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

IRRIGATION									
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	Remarks		
39 S	8 E	WM	31	NE SW	2900	2000	2000	0.7	Lots 3 and 4 in Block 1 of
39 S	8 E	WM	31	NW SW		0.7	Riverside Addition to Keno		

[End of Water Right Claim Description]

Dated at Salem, Oregon on March 7, 2013

Dwight French, Adjudicator

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