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**RULE CAPTION**

Amendments to Division 51 of Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 690 related to Hydroelectric Projects.

Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action.

Hearing Date	Time	Location	Hearings Officer
7-22-15	10:00 a.m.	725 Summer St. NE, Suite A, Room 124A, Salem, OR 97301	Mary Grainey

**RULEMAKING ACTION**

Secure approval of rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

**ADOPT:**

Not Applicable

**AMEND:**

690-051-0000, 690-051-0010, 690-051-0020, 690-051-0030, 690-051-0050, 690-051-0060, 690-051-0090, 690-051-0095, 690-051-0130, 690-051-0140, 690-051-0150, 690-051-0160, 690-051-0170, 690-051-0180, 690-051-0190, 690-051-0200, 690-051-0210, 690-051-0220, 690-051-0230, 690-051-0240, 690-051-0250, 690-051-0280, 690-051-0290, 690-051-0320, 690-051-0350, 690-051-0380, 690-051-0400

**REPEAL:**

690-051-0270, 690-051-0310, 690-051-0330, 690-051-0340, 690-051-0360, 690-051-0370

**RENUMBER:** Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

**AMEND AND RENUMBER:** Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing.

Not Applicable

**Statutory Authority:**

ORS 536.025, ORS 536.027, ORS 537 and ORS 543

**Other Authority:**

**Statutes Implemented:**

ORS 537 and ORS 543

**RULE SUMMARY**

The rules are being amended for 5 purposes:

Sections of the Rule that require burdensome financial accounting for utilities or other developers are being repealed in keeping with the repeal of certain related statutes. Other references in the rule to statutes or rules that have been repealed are being updated or eliminated.

To define the process for adjusting fees for annual inflation in keeping with the recommendations of a fee advisory review panel appointed under ORS 543.085.

To provide specific examples of how to meet the natural resources standards.

To streamline the process for issuing proposed final orders and to eliminate the requirement for a contested case hearing if no protest is filed.

To allow the Director to handle exceptions to a proposed order after a contested case hearing and to issue a final order.

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

<u>08-05-2015 5:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Diana Enright</u>	<u>diana.m.enright@wrd.state.or.us</u>
Last Day ( <i>m/d/yyyy</i> ) and Time for public comment	Rules Coordinator Name	Email Address

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