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## RULEMAKING ACTION

List each rule number separately, 000-000-0000.

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**AMEND:** OAR 690-002-0023, 690-002-0130, 690-002-0170 and 690-002-0175

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ORS 536.025, 536.027 and 183.450

Stat. Auth.: ORS

Other Authority

ORS 183.413 through 183.470, Ch. 536, 537, 540, 543 and 543A

Stats. Implemented: ORS

## RULE SUMMARY

The administrative rules in OAR Chapter 690, Division 2 contain guidance for the Water Resources Department regarding additional procedures concerning requests for and conduct of contested case proceedings. This rulemaking amended Division 2 by: (1) adding additional categories of contested cases in which agency staff may represent the Department; (2) confirming final authority in the Department and Water Resources Commission for contested cases; and (3) correcting a scrivener's error. More specifically, the rules amend OAR 690-002-0130, 0170 and 0175 to clarify that final orders shall be issued by the Water Resources Commission or the Department Director as otherwise provided in statute or rule. The new rules also amend OAR 690-002-0023 by adding additional categories of contested case hearings in which agency staff may represent the Department. The new categories include reservoir permits issued under ORS 537.409 and exempt reservoirs under ORS 537.405; protested water rights certificate issuance under ORS 537.260, 537.270 and 537.505 - 795; protested water right transfers under ORS 540.520, 540.572 - 580 and permit amendments under ORS 537.211; protested non-FERC hydro projects under OAR 690 Division 51 and ORS

Chapter 543 and 543A; and protested water right permit extension orders under ORS 537.230, 248, and 630. The new rules amend a scrivener's error in OAR 690-002-0023(1)(c) by changing a cross-reference to OAR 537.170 to ORS 537.170.

Authorized Signer

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