

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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| In the Matter of                          | ) |        |
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| CROOKED RIVER RANCH WATER                 | ) | RULING |
| COMPANY                                   | ) |        |
|   | ) |        |
| Request for rate increase in total annual | ) |        |
| revenues from \$806,833 to \$868,453 or   | ) |        |
| 8.13 percent.                             | ) |        |

**DISPOSITION: STAFF MOTION TO COMPEL DENIED**

On August 25, 2008, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff (Staff) filed a motion to compel data responses from Crooked River Ranch Water Company (Crooked River or the Company). Crooked River filed a response to Staff’s motion on August 28, 2008.

Staff states that it served its Data Requests Nos. 178 through 183 on May 29, 2008. According to Staff, Crooked River did not provide full and complete answers to Data Requests Nos. 178, 179, 181, 182 and 183.

Staff states that it served its Data Requests Nos. 192-203 on July 2, 2008. According to Staff, Crooked River responded to Data Request No. 192 by stating “Currently Unavailable.”

Staff requests an order directing Crooked River to provide full and complete answers to the data requests.

In its response, Crooked River states that the Company already has responded to Data Requests Nos. 178 through 183. Attached to its response to the motion is a copy of that discovery response, which the Company states was made on May 29, 2008. If Staff believes that Crooked River’s responses are deficient, the Company argues that Staff should identify any such deficiencies.

Regarding Data Request No. 192, Crooked River states that the form requested by Staff has not yet been provided by its accounting firm. Crooked River states that it will furnish the form to Staff “as soon as it becomes available.”

The materials provided by Crooked River, attached to its response, do constitute a response to Staff’s data request. If that response is not sufficient, Staff should indicate on what grounds it deems the response inadequate.

Staff states that it submitted its data requests to Crooked River on May 29, 2008. Crooked River states that it responded to Staff immediately – also on May 29, 2008. That claim is not credible in the face of the discovery issues that have arisen in this proceeding. Staff is directed to report to the Commission when it received Crooked River’s response.

There appears to be no remaining issue regarding Data Request No. 192.

Staff’s Motion to Compel is denied. Staff shall report to the Commission when it received the data request responses attached to the response filed by Crooked River Ranch Water Company on August 28, 2008.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 5th day of September, 2008.

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Patrick Power  
Administrative Law Judge