ISSUED: December 3, 2010

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

WJ 8, UCR 100

In the Matters of

CROOKED RIVER RANCH WATER COMPANY

An Investigation Pursuant to ORS 756.515 to Determine Jurisdiction (WJ 8)

and

G. T. & T.,<sup>1</sup>

v.

CROOKED RIVER RANCH WATER COMPANY (UCR 100)

MEMORANDUM

## DISPOSITION: PARTIES TO FILE STATUS REPORTS

A hearing in this matter that had been set for July 20, 2010, was canceled at the request of the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) to accommodate settlement discussions in the case of *Charles Nichols, et al.*, v. Crooked River Ranch Water Co., et al., then pending in Jefferson County Circuit Court. The Commission is a party to that action and is generally aware of developments.

In an earlier memorandum (dated January 8, 2010), I identified two issues to be decided in this phase of the proceedings: *first*, whether "there is reason to provide oversight," and *second*, whether Crooked River is a cooperative exempt from jurisdiction under ORS 757.063(2). Recent developments in regard to the Jefferson Circuit Court action directly pertain to these two issues.

Consequently, before resuming this proceeding, I direct Crooked River and the Staff each to file a status report with the Commission describing subsequent events that have occurred that are relevant to the two outstanding issues and to propose procedural measures to be taken to have this matter submitted for a decision. The status reports should

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include references, as appropriate, to the status of UCR 100 (the consumer complaint docket listed above).

Following the receipt of the status reports, the Commission will set a telephone prehearing conference. Crooked River and Staff shall file the reports not later than December 30, 2010.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 3rd day of December, 2010.

Patrick Power

Administrative Law Judge