

ISSUED: January 6, 2010

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

CROOKED RIVER RANCH WATER
COMPANY

An Investigation Pursuant to ORS 756.515 to
Determine Jurisdiction

RULING

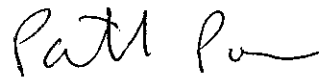
**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO POSTPONE PREHEARING CONFERENCE
DENIED**

By motion filed January 5, 2010, Crooked River Ranch Water Company (Crooked River or the Company) requests that the telephone prehearing conference set in this matter for January 8, 2010, be postponed. As grounds for its motion, Crooked River cites its motion pending before the Oregon Court of Appeals seeking reconsideration of a ruling by the Appellate Commissioner regarding a motion filed by this Commission at the Court of Appeals.

According to Crooked River, “[u]nless and until the Court of Appeals issues an order based on the correct subsection of ORS 183.482, it is premature to begin whatever rehearing process the Commission seeks to hold.” Crooked River requests that the prehearing conference be postponed until after the Company’s motion has been resolved by the Court of Appeals.

Crooked River’s motion is DENIED. The purpose of the prehearing conference is to identify issues and to schedule the proceedings. No substantive matters will be addressed at the prehearing conference. If the Court of Appeals were to issue a ruling that affects the conduct of these proceedings, the Commission can address that ruling at that time.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 6th day of January, 2010.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge