BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UW 120

In the Matter of

CROOKED RIVER RANCH WATER COMPANY

Request for Rate increase resulting in total annual revenues of \$868,453.

INTERVENOR – CRAIG SOULE

OPPOSITION TO
CROOKED RIVER RANCH WATER
COMPANY'S
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

INTRODUCTION

At a prehearing conference held June 11, 2008 the parties agreed to a preliminary schedule to file their testimony in this matter. Subsequently, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) decided to allow the parties additional time to prepare their testimony.

By memorandum, the ALJ adopted the following schedule:

Staff testimony CRRWC and intervenor testimony

August 4, 2008 August 25, 2008

On August 19, 2008 Crooked River Ranch Water Company filed a motion requesting an extension of four (4) additional weeks to review and file its testimony. In support of its motion, Crooked River Ranch Water Company states that it needs more time for its accountant and attorneys to review and respond to the testimony filed by PUC staff.

Soule opposes any extension of time for Crooked River Ranch Water Company to file its testimony in this matter beyond the original due date of August 25, 2008.

DISCUSSION

On June 11, 2008 at the prehearing conference Crooked River Ranch Water Company agreed to the preliminary schedule and did not raise any concerns regarding the amount of time needed to review and respond to the testimony filed by PUC staff.

Crooked River Ranch Water Company had participated in a very similar process in the Fall of 2007 involving the submission of testimony. Therefore, Crooked River Ranch Water Company

was aware of any potential time needs for review and response, and should have raised the time requirement issue at the prehearing conference. Further, the ALJ had already extended the time for the parties to respond beyond the original schedule set at the prehearing conference.

Also, PUC staff testimony was available to Crooked River Ranch Water Company on August 4, 2008. Crooked River Ranch Water Company should have been aware of its need for additional time and requested an extension of time to review and respond shortly after receipt of staff testimony. Waiting until 6 days before Crooked River Ranch Water Company's testimony is due is inexcusable.

Crooked River Ranch Water Company had ample opportunities to foresee and provide timely input into scheduling the submission of testimony in this matter. Crooked River Ranch Water Company's need for more time was not unexpected or unforeseen. Crooked River Ranch Water Company's request for an extension of time to review and respond to the staff's testimony is less than genuine.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons Intervenor Craig Soule requests the Commission reject CRRWC's motion for extension.

DATED this 25th day of August, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Craig Soule Craig Soule – Intervenor UW 120

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE UW 120

I certify that on August 25, 2008 I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Opposition to Crooked River Ranch Water Company's Motion for Extension of Time" on all parties of record in this proceeding by placing in the US Mail with postage prepaid and by delivering a copy by electronic mail to:

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