# 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
EXTENSION REQUEST

#### INTRODUCTION

Subsequent to the hearing held October 25 & 26, 2007 ALJ Power indicated November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 would be the deadline for filing opening and reply briefs.

Crooked River Ranch Water Company (CRRWC) filed a motion for extension on October 29, 2007 requesting November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as filing deadlines for the respective briefs.

Due to Thanksgiving Holiday the extension request by CRRWC would further extend the suspension period beyond the statutory time limits. Intervenor Craig Soule opposes the extension requested by CRRWC.

#### **DISCUSSION**

In February 2006 the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) began receiving petitions from the members of CRRWC requesting rate regulation.

CRRWC was notified by the PUC on April 18, 2006 that the statutory threshold for rate regulation by petition had been met.

On November 11, 2006 the PUC issued Order Number 06-642 asserting jurisdiction of CRRWC effective April 18, 2006. The Order also directed CRRWC to file tariffs within 60 days. CRRWC requested and received extensions from the PUC for filing tariffs. CRRWC filed tariffs with the PUC on April 17, 2007.

Given the current schedule, based on several extensions already granted to CRRWC in the proceeding; there will be a 21 month period from the time petitions were first received at the PUC, 18 months since jurisdiction was asserted and 1 year period of time since CRRWC was ordered to file tariffs with the PUC. Granting the extension would lengthen the effective dates of rates/tariffs beyond December 1, 2007.

The extension of the suspension period would allow rates to continue that are significantly higher than the rates/tariffs recommended by PUC staff. The extension would prove burdensome to the members/customers of CRRWC.

#### **CONCLUSION**

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

DATED this 29th day of October 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Craig Soule

Craig Soule – Intervenor UW 120

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE UW 120**

I certify that on October 30, 2007, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Opposition to CRRWC's Extension Request" 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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I certify that on October 30, 2007, I served the following entity, by placing in the US Mail with postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Opposition to CRRWC's Extension Request:

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