

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO CHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE  
LAW JUDGE DENIED**

By motion dated September 20, 2007, Crooked River Ranch Water Company (Crooked River) “requests a change of Administrative Law Judge.” In support of its motion, Crooked River argues , “[P]ursuant to OAR 471-060-0005(3) the first request shall automatically be granted.” Crooked River offers no other authority or grounds for its motion.

Crooked River styles its motion “First Amended Motion for Change of Administrative Law Judge.” In its cover letter, Crooked River’s lawyer indicates that the motion was previously filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH).

The rule cited by Crooked River applies to proceedings conducted by the OAH. As stated on its website:

The OAH hears the contested cases of almost 70 agencies, including unemployment insurance, motor vehicle licensing, social services (Medicaid, food stamps, etc.), licensing boards and commissions, forestry, environmental quality, agriculture, child support, and many others. This represents perhaps 90 percent or more of all state contested case orders issued in Oregon. The principal agencies not included in the OAH are the Public Utilities Commission, the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the Workers' Compensation Board, and the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

The OAH rules do not apply to this Commission.

This Commission’s rules do not provide for a peremptory challenge to the assignment of an ALJ and Crooked River’s motion is denied.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 21st day of September, 2007.

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Patrick Power  
Administrative Law Judge