

**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 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME DENIED

On August 19, 2008, Crooked River Ranch Water Company (Crooked River) filed a motion for an extension of time to file its prepared testimony. Crooked River’s testimony is due today, August 25, 2008.

In support of its motion, Crooked River states that the time allowed is not adequate for it to complete its examination of Staff testimony. Crooked River notes that the Commission Staff (Staff) was allowed seven weeks to complete its testimony, and asks for the same time – a four week extension.

On August 19, 2008, I issued a ruling shortening time to file a response to Crooked River’s motion to August 25, 2008.

On August 25, 2008, replies to Crooked River’s motion were filed by Staff and by intervenor Craig Soule. On August 25, 2008, Mr. Soule also filed his direct testimony and exhibits.

Staff opposes Crooked River’s motion. Staff disputes Crooked River’s comparison of the two time periods allowed for testimony. Staff points out that the seven week period allowed for Staff was provided for Staff to undertake and complete discovery. According to Staff, its preparation was severely hampered by Crooked River’s discovery actions.

Mr. Soule argues that Crooked River agreed to the schedule and did not timely raise any concerns with filing its testimony. Mr. Soule states that Crooked River is familiar with the process of filing testimony and characterizes its request as “less than genuine.”

Crooked River’s motion is denied. The time periods for Staff and the Company are not comparable. Staff had to attempt discovery, a process that has proven to be difficult (if not impossible) in this proceeding.

Crooked River shall submit its testimony not later than September 2, 2008. In submitting its testimony Crooked River may not comment on or respond to the content of Mr. Soule’s testimony.

IT IS ORDERED that Crooked River Ranch Water Company shall submit its testimony not later than September 2, 2008.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, 25th day of August, 2008.

Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge